

# HOUSE BILL No. 1285

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-13-5-15; IC 12-14-30; IC 12-15.

**Synopsis:** Nutritional assistance. Provides additional eligibility verification, monitoring, and authentication requirements for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid program. Requires reporting to the legislative council concerning the implementation and impact of these requirements. Prohibits waivers of work requirements for the SNAP program, and requires individuals to participate in child support enforcement activities as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits. Requires submission of evidence to a prosecuting attorney in the case of SNAP and the Medicaid fraud control unit in the case of Medicaid when the office of the secretary of family and social services has reasonable grounds to suspect that an applicant for the program has committed fraud or another crime. Adds work requirements for Medicaid eligibility.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2018.

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January 11, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-13-5-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 15. (a) Before October 1 of each year, the secretary**  
4 **shall prepare and submit a report to the legislative council in an**  
5 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that documents and analyzes the**  
6 **progress in implementing, and the impact of implementing, the**  
7 **eligibility verification, eligibility monitoring, and authentication**  
8 **requirements under the following:**  
9 (1) the following provisions for SNAP:  
10 (A) IC 12-14-30-3.  
11 (B) IC 12-14-30-3.5.  
12 (C) IC 12-14-30-5.  
13 (2) IC 12-15-1-23 through IC 12-15-1-25 for the Medicaid  
14 program.  
15 (b) The report must include the following for each program:  
16 (1) The number of cases reviewed.  
17 (2) The number of cases closed.



1           **(3) The number of fraud investigation referrals.**

2           **(4) The amount of savings and cost avoidance that resulted**  
 3           **from implementation.**

4           SECTION 2. IC 12-14-30-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 5 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 6 1, 2018]: **Sec. 3. (a) Except as otherwise provided by state or**  
 7 **federal law, before awarding assistance under SNAP, the division**  
 8 **or a contractor of the division shall verify eligibility information of**  
 9 **each applicant and, as appropriate, the applicant's household.**

10          **(b) To the extent that the following affect SNAP eligibility**  
 11 **determinations, the verified information must include review of the**  
 12 **following:**

13           **(1) Earned and unearned income.**

14           **(2) Employment status and changes in employment.**

15           **(3) Immigration status.**

16           **(4) Residency status, including a nationwide best address**  
 17 **source to verify individuals are residents of Indiana.**

18           **(5) Enrollment status in:**

19           **(A) other Indiana administered public assistance**  
 20 **programs; and**

21           **(B) public assistance programs outside Indiana.**

22           **(6) Financial resources and other assets.**

23           **(7) Incarceration status.**

24           **(8) Death records.**

25           **(9) Potential identity fraud or identity theft.**

26          **(c) The secretary shall enter into a memorandum of**  
 27 **understanding with any department, agency, or division as**  
 28 **necessary or appropriate to obtain information described in**  
 29 **subsection (b).**

30          **(d) The secretary or the division may contract with persons as**  
 31 **necessary or appropriate to obtain information described in**  
 32 **subsection (b). Any contract entered under this subsection must**  
 33 **achieve annualized savings that exceed the contract's total annual**  
 34 **cost to the state.**

35          **(e) This section does not preclude:**

36           **(1) the secretary;**

37           **(2) the division;**

38           **(3) a county office; or**

39           **(4) another entity making eligibility determinations on behalf**  
 40 **of the secretary or the division;**

41 **from receiving, reviewing, or verifying additional information**  
 42 **related to eligibility not described in this section or from**



1 contracting with vendors to provide additional information not  
2 detailed in this section.

3 (f) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as  
4 practicable after the later of:

5 (1) July 1, 2018; or

6 (2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these  
7 procedures are obtained.

8 SECTION 3. IC 12-14-30-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) Except as otherwise**  
11 **provided by federal or state law, before awarding assistance under**  
12 **SNAP, the division or a contractor of the division making eligibility**  
13 **determinations shall require applicants to complete an identity**  
14 **authentication process to confirm that the applicant owns the**  
15 **identity stated in the application.**

16 (b) The division or contractor of the division shall conduct the  
17 identity authentication process through a knowledge based quiz  
18 consisting of any of the following:

19 (1) Financial questions.

20 (2) Personal questions.

21 The quiz must attempt to accommodate applicants who do not have  
22 an established credit history.

23 (c) The identity authentication process must be available to be  
24 completed through multiple channels, including:

25 (1) online;

26 (2) in person; and

27 (3) by telephone.

28 (d) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as  
29 practicable after the later of:

30 (1) July 1, 2018; or

31 (2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these  
32 procedures are obtained.

33 SECTION 4. IC 12-14-30-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
34 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
35 1, 2018]: **Sec. 5. (a) On at least a quarterly basis, the division shall**  
36 **receive and review information concerning individuals enrolled in**  
37 **SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect**  
38 **eligibility.**

39 (b) To the extent that the following affect eligibility  
40 determinations, the information provided to the division must  
41 include the following:

42 (1) Earned and unearned income.



- 1           **(2) Employment status and changes in employment.**  
 2           **(3) Immigration status.**  
 3           **(4) Residency status, including a nationwide best address**  
 4           **source to verify individuals are residents of Indiana.**  
 5           **(5) Enrollment status in:**  
 6               **(A) other state administered public assistance programs;**  
 7               **and**  
 8               **(B) public assistance programs outside Indiana.**  
 9           **(6) Financial resources and other assets.**  
 10          **(7) Incarceration status.**  
 11          **(8) Death records.**  
 12          **(9) Potential identity fraud or identity theft.**  
 13          **(c) The secretary shall enter into a memorandum of**  
 14          **understanding with any department, agency, or division as**  
 15          **necessary or appropriate to obtain information described in**  
 16          **subsection (b).**  
 17          **(d) The secretary or the division may contract with persons as**  
 18          **necessary or appropriate to provide information described in**  
 19          **subsection (b). Any contract entered under this subsection must**  
 20          **achieve annualized savings that exceed the contract's total annual**  
 21          **cost to the state.**  
 22          **(e) The secretary or division shall explore joining any multistate**  
 23          **cooperative to identify individuals who are also enrolled in public**  
 24          **assistance programs outside Indiana, including the National**  
 25          **Accuracy Clearinghouse.**  
 26          **(f) This section does not preclude:**  
 27               **(1) the secretary;**  
 28               **(2) the division;**  
 29               **(3) a county office; or**  
 30               **(4) another entity making eligibility determinations on behalf**  
 31               **of the secretary or the division;**  
 32          **from receiving, reviewing, or verifying additional information**  
 33          **related to eligibility not described in this section or from**  
 34          **contracting with vendors to provide additional information not**  
 35          **detailed in this section.**  
 36          **(g) If the division receives information concerning an individual**  
 37          **enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that**  
 38          **may affect eligibility, the division shall review the individual's case**  
 39          **using the hearing and appeal procedures applicable to SNAP**  
 40          **determinations.**  
 41          **(h) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as**  
 42          **practicable after the later of:**



1           **(1) July 1, 2018; or**

2           **(2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these**  
 3           **procedures are obtained.**

4           SECTION 5. IC 12-14-30-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 5 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 6 1, 2018]: **Sec. 6. If the division has reasonable grounds to suspect**  
 7 **that a SNAP applicant has committed welfare fraud or another**  
 8 **crime, the division shall certify the evidence of the suspected**  
 9 **activity to a prosecuting attorney in a county with jurisdiction over**  
 10 **the offense.**

11           SECTION 6. IC 12-14-30-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 12 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 13 1, 2018]: **Sec. 7. After January 1, 2019, the office and the division:**

14           **(1) may not seek, apply for, accept, or renew any waiver of**  
 15 **work requirements established under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o); and**

16           **(2) shall, as funding allows, assign individuals who are:**

17           **(A) subject to work requirements established under 7**  
 18 **U.S.C. 2015(d)(1); and**

19           **(B) not subject to requirements established under 7 U.S.C.**  
 20 **2015(o);**

21           **to participate in an employment and training program**  
 22 **established under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4).**

23           SECTION 7. IC 12-14-30-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 24 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 25 1, 2018]: **Sec. 8. (a) The secretary shall take all steps necessary or**  
 26 **appropriate to exercise all of the state's options under 7 CFR**  
 27 **273.11(o) and 7 CFR 273.11(p) to require individuals to cooperate**  
 28 **with state child support agencies (as defined in 7 CFR 273.11(o)**  
 29 **and 7 CFR 273.11(p)) as a condition of participating in SNAP. The**  
 30 **secretary and the division shall enforce these eligibility conditions**  
 31 **in accordance with 7 CFR 273.11(o) and 7 CFR 273.11(p).**

32           **(b) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as**  
 33 **practicable after the later of:**

34           **(1) January 1, 2019; or**

35           **(2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these**  
 36 **procedures are obtained.**

37           **(c) The secretary:**

38           **(1) shall consult with the department of child services; and**

39           **(2) may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary;**

40 **to implement this section.**

41           SECTION 8. IC 12-15-1-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 42 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1 2018]: **Sec. 23. (a) Except as otherwise provided by federal or**  
 2 **state law, before awarding assistance under the Medicaid program,**  
 3 **the office, the division, a county office, or a contractor that makes**  
 4 **Medicaid eligibility determinations shall verify eligibility**  
 5 **information of each applicant and, as appropriate, the applicant's**  
 6 **household.**

7 **(b) To the extent that the following affect eligibility**  
 8 **determinations, the verified information must include the**  
 9 **following:**

- 10 **(1) Earned and unearned income.**  
 11 **(2) Employment status and changes in employment.**  
 12 **(3) Immigration status.**  
 13 **(4) Residency status, including a nationwide best address**  
 14 **source to verify individuals are residents of Indiana.**  
 15 **(5) Enrollment status in:**  
 16 **(A) other state administered public assistance programs;**  
 17 **and**  
 18 **(B) public assistance programs outside Indiana.**  
 19 **(6) Financial resources and other assets.**  
 20 **(7) Incarceration status.**  
 21 **(8) Death records.**  
 22 **(9) Potential identity fraud or identity theft.**

23 **(c) The secretary shall enter into a memorandum of**  
 24 **understanding with any department, agency, or division as**  
 25 **necessary or appropriate to obtain information described in**  
 26 **subsection (b).**

27 **(d) The secretary, the division, or the office may contract with**  
 28 **persons as necessary or appropriate to provide information**  
 29 **described in subsection (b). Any contract entered under this**  
 30 **subsection must achieve annualized savings that exceed the**  
 31 **contract's total annual cost to the state.**

32 **(e) This section does not preclude the secretary, the division, the**  
 33 **office, a county office, or contractor making eligibility**  
 34 **determinations from receiving, reviewing, or verifying additional**  
 35 **information related to eligibility not detailed in this section or from**  
 36 **contracting with vendors to provide additional information not**  
 37 **detailed in this section.**

38 **(f) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as**  
 39 **practicable after the later of:**

- 40 **(1) July 1, 2018; or**  
 41 **(2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these**  
 42 **procedures are obtained.**



1 SECTION 9. IC 12-15-1-24 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 24. (a) Except as otherwise provided by federal or**  
 4 **state law, before awarding assistance under the Medicaid program,**  
 5 **the office, the division, or a contractor designated to make**  
 6 **Medicaid eligibility determinations shall require applicants to**  
 7 **complete an identity authentication process to confirm that the**  
 8 **applicant owns the identity presented in the application.**

9 (b) The office, the division, or a contractor making Medicaid  
 10 eligibility determinations shall conduct the identity authentication  
 11 process through a knowledge based quiz consisting of any of the  
 12 following:

13 (1) Financial questions.

14 (2) Personal questions.

15 The quiz must attempt to accommodate applicants who do not have  
 16 an established credit history.

17 (c) The identity authentication process must be available to be  
 18 completed through multiple channels, including:

19 (1) online;

20 (2) in person; and

21 (3) by telephone.

22 (d) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as  
 23 practicable after the later of:

24 (1) July 1, 2018; or

25 (2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these  
 26 procedures are obtained.

27 SECTION 10. IC 12-15-1-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 25. (a) On at least a quarterly**  
 30 **basis, the office shall receive and review information concerning**  
 31 **individuals enrolled in the Medicaid program that indicates a**  
 32 **change in circumstances that may affect eligibility.**

33 (b) To the extent that the following affect eligibility  
 34 determinations, the information provided to the office must include  
 35 the following:

36 (1) Earned and unearned income.

37 (2) Employment status and changes in employment.

38 (3) Immigration status.

39 (4) Residency status, including a nationwide best address  
 40 source to verify individuals are residents of Indiana.

41 (5) Enrollment status in:

42 (A) other state administered public assistance programs;





- 1                   **and**  
 2                   **(B) public assistance programs outside Indiana.**  
 3                   **(6) Financial resources and other assets.**  
 4                   **(7) Incarceration status.**  
 5                   **(8) Death records.**  
 6                   **(9) Potential identity fraud or identity theft.**  
 7                   **(c) The secretary shall enter into a memorandum of**  
 8                   **understanding with any department, agency, or division as**  
 9                   **necessary or appropriate to obtain information described in**  
 10                   **subsection (b).**  
 11                   **(d) The secretary, the division, or the office may contract with**  
 12                   **independent vendors as necessary or appropriate to provide**  
 13                   **information described in subsection (b). Any contract entered**  
 14                   **under this subsection must achieve annualized savings that exceed**  
 15                   **the contract's total annual cost to the state.**  
 16                   **(e) The secretary, the division, or the office shall explore joining**  
 17                   **any multistate cooperative to identify individuals who are also**  
 18                   **enrolled in public assistance programs outside Indiana, including**  
 19                   **the National Accuracy Clearinghouse.**  
 20                   **(f) This section does not preclude the secretary, the division, the**  
 21                   **office, a county office, or a contractor making Medicaid eligibility**  
 22                   **determinations from receiving, reviewing, or verifying additional**  
 23                   **information related to eligibility not detailed in this section or from**  
 24                   **contracting with independent vendors to provide additional**  
 25                   **information not detailed in this section.**  
 26                   **(g) If the office receives information concerning an individual**  
 27                   **enrolled in the Medicaid program that indicates a change in**  
 28                   **circumstances that may affect eligibility, the office shall review the**  
 29                   **individual's case using the hearing and appeal procedures in**  
 30                   **IC 12-15-28.**  
 31                   **(h) The secretary shall implement this section as soon as**  
 32                   **practicable after the later of:**  
 33                   **(1) July 1, 2018; or**  
 34                   **(2) the date all necessary federal approvals related to these**  
 35                   **procedures are obtained.**  
 36                   **SECTION 11. IC 12-15-2-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2013,**  
 37                   **SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 38                   **JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 20. (a) A person convicted of an offense under**  
 39                   **IC 35-43-5 or IC 35-43-10 related to the application for or receipt of**  
 40                   **Medicaid assistance is ineligible to receive Medicaid assistance under**  
 41                   **this article for the following time:**  
 42                   **(1) One (1) year if the conviction is for the person's first offense.**



- 1 (2) Two (2) years if the conviction is for the person's second  
 2 offense.  
 3 (3) Ten (10) years if the conviction is for the person's third or  
 4 subsequent offense.  
 5 (b) A person's ineligibility period for Medicaid assistance described  
 6 in subsection (a) begins either:  
 7 (1) on the date the person is sentenced, if the person's sentence  
 8 does not include incarceration; or  
 9 (2) on the date the individual is released from incarceration.  
 10 (c) Upon receipt of substantiated evidence that a person has  
 11 committed fraud concerning the application for or receipt of Medicaid  
 12 assistance, the office may remove the person from receiving Medicaid  
 13 assistance for one (1) year. If the office determines that a person  
 14 receiving Medicaid assistance is to be removed from receiving  
 15 Medicaid assistance under this subsection, the person may appeal the  
 16 determination. An appeal under this subsection is subject to IC 4-21.5.  
 17 **(d) If the division or office has reasonable grounds to suspect**  
 18 **that a Medicaid applicant has committed Medicaid fraud or**  
 19 **another crime, the office shall certify the evidence of the suspected**  
 20 **activity to the state Medicaid fraud control unit established under**  
 21 **IC 4-6-10.**  
 22 ~~(d)~~ (e) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this  
 23 section.  
 24 SECTION 12. IC 12-15-2-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 27. (a) This section is effective on**  
 27 **the later of the following:**  
 28 (1) **January 1, 2019; or**  
 29 (2) **the date any necessary federal approval required to**  
 30 **implement this section is obtained.**  
 31 (b) **This section does not apply to an individual who meets any**  
 32 **of the following:**  
 33 (1) **Is less than nineteen (19) years of age.**  
 34 (2) **Is at least sixty four (64) years of age.**  
 35 (3) **Is identified as unable to work due to a physical or mental**  
 36 **impairment;**  
 37 (4) **Is pregnant.**  
 38 (5) **Is a primary caregiver responsible for the care of a**  
 39 **dependent child who is less than one (1) year of age.**  
 40 (6) **Is a primary caregiver responsible for the care of a**  
 41 **dependent child who has a disability or serious medical**  
 42 **condition, as determined by the office.**



- 1           **(7) Receives unemployment compensation and is complying**
- 2           **with work requirements required under IC 22-4 or federal**
- 3           **law.**
- 4           **(8) Participates in a drug or alcohol treatment and**
- 5           **rehabilitation program as determined by the office.**
- 6           **(c) Except as otherwise provided in state or federal law, to be**
- 7           **eligible to receive Medicaid an individual shall do one (1) of the**
- 8           **following:**
- 9           **(1) Work a total amount of hours per month that equals an**
- 10           **average of at least twenty (20) hours per week.**
- 11           **(2) Participate and comply with the requirements of a work**
- 12           **program for at least twenty (20) hours per week, as**
- 13           **determined by the office.**
- 14           **(3) Volunteer at least twenty (20) hours per week, as**
- 15           **determined by the office.**
- 16           **(4) Work and participate in a work program for at least**
- 17           **twenty (20) hours per week, as determined by the office.**
- 18           **(5) Participate and comply with the requirements of a**
- 19           **workfare program under IC 12-20-10 or IC 12-20-11.**
- 20           **to be eligible to participate in the Medicaid program.**
- 21           **(d) The secretary shall seek any waiver or state plan amendment**
- 22           **necessary to implement this section.**
- 23           **(e) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to**
- 24           **implement this section, including provisions setting forth what**
- 25           **constitutes a physical or mental impairment for exclusion from**
- 26           **work requirements.**
- 27           **SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The definitions**
- 28           **in IC 12-7-2 apply throughout this SECTION.**
- 29           **(b) The secretary shall take all steps necessary or appropriate**
- 30           **to implement the amendments and additions to IC 12-14-30 and**
- 31           **IC 12-15-1 by this act as soon as practicable after the passage of**
- 32           **this act, including initiating any procedures necessary or**
- 33           **appropriate to obtain federal approval for the implementation of**
- 34           **any provision of this act.**
- 35           **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2018.**
- 36           **SECTION 14. An emergency is declared for this act.**

