

# HOUSE BILL No. 1285

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-44-5-19.

**Synopsis:** Implicit bias in medicine. Requires the medical education board to establish an education program for first year medical students that addresses implicit bias in the delivery of health care services to different racial and ethnic minority groups in Indiana.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2023]: **Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section, "implicit bias" means**  
4 **stereotypes and attitudes that unconsciously affect a person's**  
5 **understanding, decisions, and actions.**  
6 **(b) The board shall establish an education program for first**  
7 **year medical students that addresses implicit bias in the delivery**  
8 **of health care services to different racial and ethnic minority**  
9 **groups in Indiana.**  
10 **(c) The education program established under subsection (b)**  
11 **must include the following:**  
12 **(1) Examples of implicit bias in the delivery of health care**  
13 **services, including the effect on prescribing medications and**  
14 **ordering specific treatments.**  
15 **(2) Effective skills to avoid implicit bias.**  
16 **(d) The education program established under this section must**  
17 **be implemented not later than July 1, 2024.**

