

HOUSE BILL No. 1314

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-46-7.5.

Synopsis: Pediatric cancer research and treatment grant. Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program (grant program) to be administered by the Indiana department of health (state department). Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment fund and appropriates \$2,000,000 to the fund for the biennium. Sets forth requirements for an entity to receive a grant. Requires the state department to develop criteria, policies, procedures, and a plan concerning awarding of the grants. Prioritizes use of the funds to be on innovative research and treatments with the potential of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer. Requires the state department to submit an annual report to the governor and legislative council concerning the grant program and publish the report on the state department's website.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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



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

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-46-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]:
4 **Chapter 7.5. Pediatric Cancer Research and Treatment Grant**
5 **Program**
6 **Sec. 1. The pediatric cancer research and treatment grant**
7 **program is established. The state department shall administer the**
8 **program.**
9 **Sec. 2. (a) The pediatric cancer research and treatment fund is**
10 **established for the purpose of providing matching funds for**
11 **medical research and treatment grants that focus on pediatric**
12 **cancer research.**
13 **(b) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the**
14 **state general fund to the pediatric cancer research and treatment**
15 **fund, of which one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated for**
16 **the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,**
17 **2024, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated for the**



1 state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
2 for allotment. The fund consists of:

3 (1) money appropriated for the grant or to the fund by the
4 general assembly;

5 (2) money received from state or federal grants or programs;
6 and

7 (3) gifts, money, and donations received from any other
8 source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.

9 (c) The state department shall administer the fund. The
10 expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the
11 fund.

12 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
13 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
14 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
15 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

16 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
17 revert to the state general fund. Money in the fund is continuously
18 appropriated.

19 Sec. 3. (a) The state department shall do the following:

20 (1) Develop the application and the criteria and standards of
21 eligibility for entities described in subsection (b) that apply for
22 a grant under this chapter.

23 (2) Establish criteria for determining the grant amount to be
24 awarded to an approved applicant and the terms of an
25 awarded grant, including placing a priority on providing
26 grants for the following:

27 (A) Innovative research and treatments with the potential
28 of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer.

29 (B) Research and treatment identified by the state
30 department as part of the state department's needs
31 assessment under subdivision (6)(B) to address the state's
32 highest needs concerning pediatric cancer in Indiana
33 children.

34 (3) Determine policies for the expiration and renewal of a
35 grant.

36 (4) Require that all grant funds be used for the purpose of
37 research and treatment with the purpose of combating
38 childhood cancer.

39 (5) Develop procedures in ensuring that funds provided
40 through a grant are expended for the stated purpose.

41 (6) Develop a written plan to assist in making determinations
42 concerning grants under this chapter that does the following:



- 1 (A) Identifies existing pediatric cancer research, treatment,
 2 and funding programs for pediatric cancer in Indiana and
 3 those that provide assistance to children in Indiana
 4 diagnosed with cancer.
- 5 (B) Includes a needs assessment for pediatric cancer
 6 patients of Indiana identifying additional research funding
 7 needs by cancer type and geographic area, with
 8 documentation of any determination that support is
 9 needed.
- 10 (C) Includes a prioritized list of programs and research
 11 projects eligible for assistance under this chapter.
- 12 (7) Adopt administrative rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary for
 13 the administration of this chapter.
- 14 (b) The state department may only award a grant under this
 15 chapter to any of the following entities that specialize in
 16 performing research and treatment in Indiana concerning
 17 pediatric cancer for Indiana children:
- 18 (1) An Indiana institution of higher education.
 19 (2) An Indiana academic medical center or medical research
 20 hospital.
 21 (3) An Indiana nonprofit entity.
 22 (4) An Indiana governmental entity.
- 23 Sec. 4. (a) Before February 1 of each year, the state department
 24 shall submit a written report to the governor and to the legislative
 25 council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that includes the
 26 following:
- 27 (1) The plan developed under section 3(a)(6) of this chapter.
 28 (2) The state department's determination about the
 29 expenditure of funds under this chapter for the previous
 30 calendar year and the impact of the use of the funds.
 31 (3) The state department's plans for expenditures of funds
 32 under this chapter in the current and subsequent calendar
 33 year.
 34 (4) Any recommendations for future initiatives or actions to
 35 address pediatric cancer in Indiana.
- 36 (b) The state department shall publish the written report
 37 required by subsection (a) on the state department's website.

