

# HOUSE BILL No. 1379

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-23-24.

**Synopsis:** Drug crisis task force. Establishes the drug crisis task force to prepare an evidence based comprehensive plan that prioritizes the one time and annual funding needed over a 10 year period to address the drug crisis. Sets forth membership and duties of the task force.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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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 12-23-24 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]:

4       **Chapter 24. Drug Crisis Task Force**

5       **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the drug  
6 crisis task force established by section 2 of this chapter.

7       **Sec. 2. (a)** The drug crisis task force is established.

8       **(b)** The task force shall study and determine the resources  
9 needed for:

10       (1) substance use disorder treatment;

11       (2) law enforcement; and

12       (3) substance use disorder prevention;

13 to adequately address the drug crisis in Indiana.

14       **Sec. 3. (a)** The voting members of the task force consist of the  
15 following:

16       (1) One (1) member appointed by the governor representing  
17 the division.



- (2) One (1) member appointed by the governor representing the office of Medicaid policy and planning.
- (3) One (1) member appointed by the governor representing the department of child services.
- (4) The state health commissioner.
- (5) The commissioner of correction.
- (6) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is nominated by and represents Mental Health America of Indiana.
- (7) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is nominated by and represents the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.
- (8) One (1) county sheriff appointed by the governor who is serving in the sheriff's second or subsequent term of office.
- (9) One (1) chief of police appointed by the governor who has at least two (2) years of experience as chief.
- (10) One (1) prosecuting attorney appointed by the governor who is in the prosecuting attorney's second or subsequent term of office.
- (11) One (1) judge of a court of general criminal jurisdiction appointed by the governor.
- (12) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana.
- (13) The executive director of the public defender council of Indiana.
- (14) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is nominated by and represents the Indiana Hospital Association.
- (15) The dean of the School of Public Health, Indiana University Bloomington.
- (16) The dean of the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, Indiana University Indianapolis.
- (17) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is nominated by and represents the Indiana State Medical Association.
- (18) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is nominated by and represents the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians.
- (b) A member appointed by the governor under subsection (a) serves at the pleasure of the governor.
- (c) The governor or the governor's designee:
  - (1) is a nonvoting member of the task force; and



1 (2) shall serve as the chairperson.

2 (d) The expenses of the task force shall be paid by the office of  
3 the secretary of family and social services. The office of the  
4 secretary of family and social services shall provide administrative  
5 assistance for the task force.

6 (e) A quorum consists of the majority of the members of the task  
7 force.

8 (f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members  
9 appointed to the task force are required for the task force to act on  
10 any measure.

11 (g) The governor shall fill any vacancy on the task force not  
12 later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs.

13 Sec. 4. (a) A member of the task force who is not a state  
14 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
15 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement  
16 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other  
17 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties  
18 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the  
19 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
20 agency.

21 (b) A member of the task force who is a state employee is  
22 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
23 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
24 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
25 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
26 administration and approved by the state budget agency.

27 Sec. 5. (a) The task force shall prepare an evidence based  
28 comprehensive plan that prioritizes the one (1) time and annual  
29 funding needed over a ten (10) year period to address the drug  
30 crisis.

31 (b) The plan must include the following:

32 (1) Data specifying the following:

33 (A) The number of individuals in Indiana with a substance  
34 use disorder.

35 (B) The nature of available services.

36 (C) Whether there is a waiting list for services and, if so,  
37 the number of individuals waiting for services.

38 (D) The needed services.

39 (E) Locations in Indiana where individuals are waiting for  
40 services.

41 (2) Analysis, needs assessment, and review of the effectiveness  
42 of services offered in Indiana.



- 1           **(3) Identification of prospective services and the associated**  
2           **costs.**  
3           **(4) Assessment of capacity to meet existing and prospective**  
4           **needs.**  
5           **(5) Assessment of costs of providing existing and prospective**  
6           **services.**  
7           **(c) Not later than November 1, 2019, the task force shall submit**  
8           **to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6**  
9           **the plan described in this section.**  
10          **Sec. 6. This chapter expires December 31, 2019.**

