

HOUSE BILL No. 1416

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2-44; IC 12-8-3.5.

Synopsis: Eating disorder council. Establishes the Indiana eating disorder council (council). Sets forth the membership and duties of the council.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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January 16, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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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.

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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 12-7-2-44, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,
2 SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 44. "Council" means the following:
4 (1) For purposes of IC 12-9-4, the meaning set forth in
5 IC 12-9-4-1.
6 (2) For purposes of IC 12-12-8, the meaning set forth in
7 IC 12-12-8-2.5.
8 (3) For purposes of IC 12-13-4, the meaning set forth in
9 IC 12-13-4-1.
10 (4) For purposes of IC 12-12.7-2, the meaning set forth in
11 IC 12-12.7-2-2.
12 (5) For purposes of IC 12-21-4, the meaning set forth in
13 IC 12-21-4-1.
14 (6) For purposes of IC 12-8-3.5, the meaning set forth in
15 IC 12-8-3.5-1.
16 SECTION 2. IC 12-8-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
17 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2024]:

2 **Chapter 3.5. Indiana Eating Disorder Council**

3 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the Indiana**
 4 **eating disorder council established by this chapter.**

5 **Sec. 2. The Indiana eating disorder council is established within**
 6 **the office of the secretary.**

7 **Sec. 3. (a) The council consists of the following members:**

8 **(1) The secretary or the secretary's designee.**

9 **(2) The administrator of the office of Medicaid policy and**
 10 **planning or the administrator's designee.**

11 **(3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction**
 12 **or the director's designee.**

13 **(4) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or**
 14 **the commissioner's designee.**

15 **(5) The commissioner of the department of insurance or the**
 16 **commissioner's designee.**

17 **(6) The secretary of education or the secretary's designee.**

18 **(7) The commissioner of the commission for higher education**
 19 **or the commissioner's designee.**

20 **(8) One (1) member appointed by the governor from a list of**
 21 **three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana Hospital**
 22 **Association.**

23 **(9) One (1) psychologist appointed by the governor from a list**
 24 **of three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana Psychological**
 25 **Association.**

26 **(10) One (1) pediatrician appointed by the governor from a**
 27 **list of three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana Chapter**
 28 **of the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

29 **(11) One (1) psychiatrist appointed by the governor from a list**
 30 **of three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana Psychiatric**
 31 **Society.**

32 **(12) One (1) licensed social worker appointed by the governor**
 33 **from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana**
 34 **Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.**

35 **(13) One (1) psychiatric nurse practitioner appointed by the**
 36 **governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the**
 37 **Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana.**

38 **(14) One (1) registered dietician appointed by the governor**
 39 **from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Indiana**
 40 **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.**

41 **(15) One (1) member who conducts research on eating**
 42 **disorders appointed by the governor from a list of three (3)**



1 individuals provided by the Indiana Psychological
 2 Association.
 3 (16) One (1) member who conducts research on public health
 4 policy appointed by the governor from a list of three (3)
 5 individuals provided by the Indiana Public Health
 6 Association.
 7 (17) Three (3) members each of whom:
 8 (A) have an eating disorder; or
 9 (B) have experience working with individuals who have
 10 eating disorders;
 11 appointed by the governor from a list of five (5) individuals
 12 provided by the Riley Hospital for Children Charis Center for
 13 Eating Disorders.
 14 (b) Each member appointed in subsection (a)(9) through (a)(14)
 15 must work with individuals who have eating disorders.
 16 Sec. 4. (a) Not later than October 1, 2024, the applicable
 17 appointing authorities shall appoint members to the council.
 18 (b) The initial appointments shall begin not later than January
 19 1, 2025, and the initial terms of the members initially appointed
 20 expire June 30, 2027.
 21 (c) After the initial appointments, each member shall serve a
 22 two (2) year term ending June 30 of the appropriate odd-numbered
 23 year.
 24 (d) Members of the council may be reappointed to successive
 25 terms.
 26 Sec. 5. The members of the council shall annually elect one (1)
 27 chair and one (1) vice chair.
 28 Sec. 6. (a) If a vacancy occurs on the council, the appointing
 29 authority that appointed the member whose position is vacant shall
 30 appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.
 31 (b) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy must have the
 32 qualifications that a member appointed by the appointing
 33 authority must have.
 34 (c) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the
 35 remainder of the term of the member the individual is appointed
 36 to succeed.
 37 Sec. 7. The council shall meet:
 38 (1) at least quarterly; and
 39 (2) upon the call of the chair.
 40 Sec. 8. Ten (10) members of the council constitute a quorum.
 41 The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to
 42 the council are required for the council to take action on any



1 measure.

2 **Sec. 9. The office of the secretary shall staff the council.**

3 **Sec. 10. A member of the council is not entitled to a per diem.**
 4 **However, a member of the council is entitled to receive the**
 5 **reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 6 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 7 **with the member's duties as provided in the state polices and**
 8 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 9 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

10 **Sec. 11. The council shall do the following:**

11 (1) **Oversee the development and implementation of eating**
 12 **disorder awareness, education, and prevention programs.**

13 (2) **Identify strategies to improve access to adequate diagnosis**
 14 **and treatment services for individuals with eating disorders.**

15 (3) **Assist the office of the secretary in identifying research**
 16 **projects concerning eating disorders.**

17 (4) **Work with the office of the secretary and other**
 18 **appropriate entities to routinely examine existing:**

19 (A) **surveillance systems;**

20 (B) **data collection systems; and**

21 (C) **administrative data bases;**

22 **to determine the best strategies for implementing evidence**
 23 **based eating disorder measures that provide data for**
 24 **program and policy planning.**

25 (5) **Collaborate and coordinate on data research projects with**
 26 **the office of the secretary and other appropriate entities.**

27 (6) **Apply for grants from the federal government, private**
 28 **foundations, or other sources that may be available for**
 29 **programs related to eating disorders.**

30 (7) **Make legislative or regulatory recommendations**
 31 **concerning eating disorders as appropriate.**

32 (8) **Not later than December 1 each year, prepare and submit**
 33 **a report summarizing the council's activities, findings, and**
 34 **recommendations to the:**

35 (A) **legislative council in an electronic format under**
 36 **IC 5-14-6; and**

37 (B) **governor.**

38 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires July 1, 2034.**

