

# HOUSE BILL No. 1438

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-41-7.5.

**Synopsis:** Syringe exchange programs. Allows a county or municipality to approve the operation of a syringe exchange program (program). Allows a program to be renewed for not longer than two years. Requires a program to keep a sufficient quantity of an overdose intervention drug in stock to administer when needed. Requires the state health commissioner to receive written notice when a program is renewed, expired, or terminated or if the qualified entity operating the program changes. Extends the law concerning programs until July 1, 2021. (Current law expires July 1, 2019.)

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 17, 2017, 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 health.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-41-7.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) A qualified entity may operate a  
4 program only in a county **or municipality** where:

5 (1) a public health emergency has been declared; **or**  
6 (2) **a program has been approved;**  
7 **under section 5 of this chapter.** However, a qualified entity may not  
8 operate a program outside of the jurisdictional area of the governmental  
9 body that approved the qualified entity.

10 (b) A qualified entity that meets the requirements in subsection (a)  
11 and complies with the requirements of this chapter may operate a  
12 program.

13 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-7.5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
14 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. Before a qualified entity may operate a  
16 program in a county, the following shall occur:

17 (1) The local health officer or the executive director must declare



1 to the executive body of the county or the legislative body of the  
2 municipality the following:

3 (A) There is an epidemic of hepatitis C or HIV.

4 (B) That the primary mode of transmission of hepatitis C or  
5 HIV in the county is through intravenous drug use.

6 (C) That a syringe exchange program is medically appropriate  
7 as part of a comprehensive public health response.

8 (2) The legislative body of the municipality or the executive body  
9 of the county must do the following:

10 (A) Conduct a public hearing that allows for public testimony.

11 (B) Take official action adopting the declarations under  
12 subdivision (1) by the local health officer or the executive  
13 director in consideration of the public health for the area ~~that~~  
14 ~~the body represents~~; **and, if the program complies with**  
15 **section 6 of this chapter and is within the jurisdictional**  
16 **limits of the county or municipality that the body**  
17 **represents, either:**

18 (i) **approve the operation of the program; or**

19 (ii) **submit a request under subdivision (3) to the state**  
20 **health commissioner.**

21 (3) The legislative body of the municipality or the executive body  
22 of the county that took official action under subdivision (2)  
23 **either:**

24 (A) notifies the state health commissioner of ~~(A)~~ the body's  
25 actions under subdivision (2), **including:**

26 (i) **the period of time considered medically appropriate**  
27 **for the program;**

28 (ii) **whether a renewal or an extension of the program**  
29 **can occur; and**

30 (iii) **other measures taken concerning the epidemic that**  
31 **have proven ineffective; or**

32 (B) **if the body does not approve the operation of a**  
33 **program under subdivision (2)(B)(i) and submits a request**  
34 **under subdivision (2)(B)(ii), request that the state health**  
35 **commissioner declare a public health emergency and**

36 ~~(C) other measures taken concerning the epidemic that have~~  
37 ~~proven ineffective~~; **and approve the operation of a program.**

38 (4) **If subdivision (3)(B) applies, the state health commissioner**  
39 **has declared a public health emergency for the county or**  
40 **municipality and approved the operation of a program.**

41 SECTION 3. IC 16-41-7.5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
42 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. A qualified entity that operates a program  
2 under this chapter must do the following:

3 (1) Annually register the program in a manner prescribed by the  
4 state department with the:

5 (A) state department; and

6 (B) local health department in the county **or municipality**  
7 where services will be provided by the qualified entity if the  
8 qualified entity is not the local health department.

9 (2) Have one (1) of the following licensed in Indiana provide  
10 oversight to the qualified entity's programs:

11 (A) A physician.

12 (B) A registered nurse.

13 (C) A physician assistant.

14 (3) Store and dispose of all syringes and needles collected in a  
15 safe and legal manner.

16 (4) Provide education and training on drug overdose response and  
17 treatment, including the administration of an overdose  
18 intervention drug.

19 (5) Provide drug addiction treatment information and referrals to  
20 drug treatment programs, including programs in the local area and  
21 programs that offer medication assisted treatment that includes a  
22 federal Food and Drug Administration approved long acting,  
23 nonaddictive medication for the treatment of opioid or alcohol  
24 dependence.

25 (6) Provide syringe and needle distribution and collection without  
26 collecting or recording personally identifiable information.

27 (7) Operate in a manner consistent with public health and safety.

28 (8) Ensure the program is medically appropriate and part of a  
29 comprehensive public health response.

30 **(9) Keep sufficient quantities of an overdose intervention drug**  
31 **(as defined in IC 16-18-2-263.9) in stock and to administer in**  
32 **accordance with IC 16-42-27.**

33 SECTION 4. IC 16-41-7.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
34 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. A program shall file a quarterly report  
36 with the state department. The report must contain the following  
37 information listed on a daily basis and by the location, identified by the  
38 postal ZIP code, where the program distributed and collected syringes  
39 and needles:

40 (1) The number of individuals served.

41 (2) The number of syringes and needles collected.

42 (3) The number of syringes and needles distributed.



1 The state department may request that a qualified entity supply  
 2 additional information concerning the program operated by the  
 3 qualified entity, **including data concerning referrals to services.**

4 SECTION 5. IC 16-41-7.5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
 5 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) If the state health commissioner  
 7 receives a request to declare a public health emergency under this  
 8 chapter, the state health commissioner shall approve, deny, or request  
 9 additional information concerning the request under section 5 of this  
 10 chapter not later than ten (10) calendar days from the date the request  
 11 is submitted to the state health commissioner. If additional information  
 12 is:

13 (1) requested by the state health commissioner; and

14 (2) provided by the entity seeking the declaration;

15 the state health commissioner shall approve or deny the request not  
 16 later than ten (10) calendar days from the submission date of the  
 17 additional information.

18 (b) ~~A public health emergency declared program established~~ under  
 19 ~~this section chapter~~ may remain in effect for not more than ~~one (1)~~  
 20 ~~year two (2) years~~ from the date ~~the public health emergency is~~  
 21 ~~declared: approved under this chapter.~~ However:

22 (1) the state health commissioner may:

23 (A) ~~renew the declaration of a public health emergency upon~~  
 24 ~~the request of the executive body of the county or the~~  
 25 ~~legislative body of the municipality that requested the initial~~  
 26 ~~declaration and approval, renew the declaration of a public~~  
 27 ~~health emergency and operation of the program for not~~  
 28 ~~more than two (2) years; or~~

29 (B) ~~terminate a program; or~~

30 (2) ~~the legislative body of the municipality or the executive~~  
 31 ~~body of the county that initially approved the program may,~~  
 32 ~~through official action:~~

33 (A) ~~renew the program for not more than two (2) years; or~~

34 (B) ~~terminate a program;~~

35 ~~when warranted.~~

36 (c) ~~The legislative body of the municipality or the executive body~~  
 37 ~~of the county shall notify the state health commissioner in writing~~  
 38 ~~immediately of any of the following:~~

39 (1) ~~A renewal of a program under subsection (b) and the~~  
 40 ~~period of time of the renewal.~~

41 (2) ~~The expiration or termination of a program.~~

42 (3) ~~A change in the qualified entity administering the~~



1           **program.**  
2           SECTION 6. IC 16-41-7.5-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
3           SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4           UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. This chapter expires July 1, ~~2019~~ **2021**.  
5           SECTION 7. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

