

SENATE BILL No. 137

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-39.

Synopsis: Adult protective services study committee. Requires the legislative council to establish the adult protective services study committee to study adult protective services in Indiana.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 8, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Law.



Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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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 2-5-39 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 39. Adult Protective Services Study Committee**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the adult**
6 **protective services study committee established under section 2 of**
7 **this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. The legislative council, under IC 2-5-1.1-5(a)(2), shall**
9 **establish an interim committee to be known as the adult protective**
10 **services study committee. The committee shall do the following:**

- 11 (1) Review and evaluate Indiana's adult protective services
12 laws.
13 (2) Review and evaluate Indiana's statewide adult protective
14 services units and programs.
15 (3) Identify and study the best practices for adult protective
16 service programs.



- 1 **(4) Consider proposing a statewide program to assist with**
 2 **county level adult protective service programs.**
 3 **(5) Review programs in other states regarding:**
 4 **(A) elder abuse prevention;**
 5 **(B) financial exploitation of the elderly; and**
 6 **(C) physical and mental abuse of the elderly.**
 7 **(6) Evaluate whether funding for adult protective services is**
 8 **sufficient.**
 9 **(7) Make recommendations, including legislation, to the**
 10 **general assembly on how to improve adult protective services**
 11 **in Indiana.**
 12 **Sec. 3. The committee must consist of at least eight (8) members,**
 13 **including:**
 14 **(1) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president**
 15 **pro tempore.**
 16 **(2) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority**
 17 **leader of the senate.**
 18 **(3) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed**
 19 **by the speaker.**
 20 **(4) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed**
 21 **by the minority leader of the house of representatives.**
 22 **(5) One (1) representative of an advocacy organization for**
 23 **senior citizens appointed by the president pro tempore.**
 24 **(6) One (1) representative of social workers appointed by the**
 25 **minority leader of the senate.**
 26 **(7) One (1) representative of hospitals appointed by the**
 27 **speaker.**
 28 **(8) One (1) representative of the Indiana Bar Association**
 29 **appointed by the minority leader of the house of**
 30 **representatives.**
 31 **Sec. 4. The committee shall operate under the policies governing**
 32 **study committees adopted by the legislative council. The committee**
 33 **shall submit a final report to the following:**
 34 **(1) The legislative council.**
 35 **(2) The governor.**
 36 **Sec. 5. This chapter expires July 1, 2015.**
 37 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

