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## SENATE BILL No. 137

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DIGEST OF SB 137 (Updated January 13, 2014 1:30 pm - DI 106)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**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.  
January 14, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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.**

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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 ten (10) 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 (9) The secretary of family and social services appointed  
32 under IC 12-8-1.5-2 or the secretary's designee.

33 (10) The executive director of the Indiana prosecuting  
34 attorneys council or the executive director's designee.

35 **Sec. 4. The committee shall operate under the policies governing**  
36 **study committees adopted by the legislative council. The committee**  
37 **shall submit a final report to the following:**

38 (1) The legislative council.

39 (2) The governor.

40 **Sec. 5. This chapter expires July 1, 2015.**

41 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Civil Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 137, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 12, delete "eight (8)" and insert "**ten (10)**".

Page 2, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(9) The secretary of family and social services appointed under IC 12-8-1.5-2 or the secretary's designee.**

**(10) The executive director of the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council or the executive director's designee."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 137 as introduced.)

ZAKAS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

