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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 192

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning protective proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-77 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 77. "Endangered adult", for purposes of **IC 12-8-1.5-18** and IC 12-10-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-3-2.

SECTION 2. IC 12-8-1.5-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 18. (a) Before December 1, 2016, the office of the secretary of family and social services, in cooperation with the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council, shall do the following:**

- (1) Prepare and submit a report as described in subsection (b) to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- (2) Present the report required under this section to the budget committee.**

**(b) The report must include:**

- (1) an estimation of the appropriate staffing levels necessary for the office of the secretary of family and social services and county prosecuting attorney offices to efficiently and effectively manage the investigations of reports of matters related to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of endangered adults;**



**(2) identification of:**

**(A) the circumstances that should result in emergency placement in the case of an adult protective services investigation;**

**(B) the appropriate types of emergency placements based on those circumstances; and**

**(C) strategies for improving emergency placement capabilities;**

**(3) consideration of the benefits and cost of establishing a centralized intake system for reports of matters related to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of endangered adults;**

**(4) a statement of consistent standards of care for endangered adults;**

**(5) a determination of the appropriate levels of training for employees of:**

**(A) the office of the secretary of family and social services; and**

**(B) a county prosecuting attorney office;**

**who are involved in providing adult protective services;**

**(6) a draft of a cooperative agreement between the office of the secretary of family and social services and the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council that sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the agencies and county prosecuting attorney offices with regard to adult protective services; and**

**(7) performance goals and accountability metrics for adult protective services to be incorporated in contracts and grant agreements.**

**(c) The budget committee shall consider the report submitted under this section in formulating the committee's budget recommendations.**

**SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**

**(b) As used in this SECTION, "study committee" means either of the following:**

**(1) A statutory committee established under IC 2-5.**

**(2) An interim study committee.**

**(c) The legislative council is urged to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of visitation, communication, and interaction with a protected person as defined by IC 29-3-1-13.**

**(d) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to a study committee, the study committee shall issue a final report on the**



**topic to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2016.**

**(e) This SECTION expires December 31, 2016.**

**SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEA 192 — Concur**

