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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 408

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-244.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 244.8. "Neonatal abstinence syndrome" and "NAS", for purposes of IC 16-19-16, refer to the various adverse effects that occur in a newborn infant who was exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb.

SECTION 2. IC 16-19-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

Chapter 16. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

- Sec. 1. The state department shall meet with representatives of at least the following associations to study and make recommendations on issues concerning Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS):
 - (1) The Indiana Hospital Association.
 - (2) The Indiana Perinatal Network.
 - (3) The Indiana State Medical Association.
 - (4) The Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
 - (5) The Indiana Section of the American Congress of



Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

- (6) The Indiana Chapter of the March of Dimes.
- Sec. 2. (a) Before November 1, 2014, the state department, in consultation with the persons described in section 1 of this chapter, shall report the following to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 for distribution to the appropriate interim study committee:
 - (1) The appropriate standard clinical definition of "Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome".
 - (2) The development of a uniform process of identifying Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
 - (3) The estimated time and resources needed to educate hospital personnel in implementing an appropriate and uniform process for identifying Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
 - (4) The identification and review of appropriate data reporting options available for the reporting of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome data to the state department, including recommendations for reporting of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome using existing data reporting options or new data reporting options.
 - (5) The identification of whether payment methodologies for identifying Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and the reporting of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome data are currently available or needed.
- (b) Before June 1, 2015, the state department may establish one (1) or more pilot programs with hospitals that consent to participate in the pilot programs to implement appropriate and effective models for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome identification, data collection, and reporting determined under this chapter.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.



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