

# SENATE BILL No. 543

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-254.5; IC 16-19-17.

**Synopsis:** Office of health information technology. Creates the office of health information technology within the state department of health to: (1) study and report on certain uses of health information; (2) study and report on incentives for use of electronic health records; and (3) implement, and report on implementation of, certain recommendations for further study and legislation concerning health information technology.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Family & Children Services.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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 16-18-2-254.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2011,  
2 SECTION 159, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 254.5. (a) "Office", for purposes of  
4 IC 16-19-13, refers to the office of women's health established by  
5 IC 16-19-13-2.

6 (b) "Office", for purposes of IC 16-19-14, refers to the office of  
7 minority health established by IC 16-19-14-4.

8 **(c) "Office", for purposes of IC 16-19-17, refers to the office of**  
9 **health information technology created by IC 16-19-17-2.**

10 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** "Office", for purposes of IC 16-28-15, has the meaning set  
11 forth in IC 16-28-15-5.

12 SECTION 2. IC 16-19-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2015]:

15 **Chapter 17. Office of Health Information Technology**  
16 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "health care provider" has the**



1 meaning set forth in IC 16-18-2-163(a).

2 **Sec. 2. The office of health information technology is created**  
3 **within the state department.**

4 **Sec. 3. (a) The office shall study and report on the following:**

5 (1) **Entrepreneurial uses of health information contained in**  
6 **written, electronic, or printed records possessed by a health**  
7 **care provider concerning the diagnosis, treatment, or**  
8 **prognosis of a patient.**

9 (2) **State incentives for health care providers to adopt and**  
10 **maintain electronic health records.**

11 (b) **The office shall implement, and report on the**  
12 **implementation of, the recommendations for further study and**  
13 **legislative initiatives made by the state department in the report**  
14 **"Enhancing the Use of Health Information Technology in Indiana"**  
15 **that resulted from P.L.52-2014.**

16 (c) **Reports required by this section must be made:**

17 (1) **not later than November 1 of each year; and**

18 (2) **to the legislative council in an electronic format under**  
19 **IC 5-14-6.**

20 **Sec. 4. (a) The state health commissioner shall appoint**  
21 **individuals to staff the office, including:**

22 (1) **a director of the office; and**

23 (2) **other employees that the state health commissioner**  
24 **determines are necessary.**

25 (b) **Employees appointed under subsection (a)(2) shall report to**  
26 **the director. The director shall report to the state health**  
27 **commissioner.**

28 (c) **The director shall oversee the administrative functions of the**  
29 **office.**

