

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 81

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign the topic of coverage for pharmacist care to an interim study committee.

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April 9, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 to assign the topic of coverage for pharmacist care to an interim
3 study committee.

4 *Whereas, Currently, pharmacists are able to provide*
5 *critical health care services, including tobacco cessation and*
6 *diabetes management, within their scope of practice;*

7 *Whereas, However, because pharmacists are not included*
8 *in the network of accident and sickness insurance policies,*
9 *those critical health care services, when performed by a*
10 *pharmacist, are not covered by a patient's insurance policy;*

11 *Whereas, Allowing pharmacists providing health care*
12 *services within their scope of practice to be included in*
13 *accident and sickness insurance networks will provide better,*
14 *more affordable access to health care in Indiana; and*

15 *Whereas, It is important that this issue be studied by an*
16 *appropriate study committee: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to an
2 interim study committee the topic of coverage for pharmacist care.

3 SECTION 2. That the study committee, if assigned the topic, shall
4 issue to the legislative council a final report, in an electronic format
5 under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2019, containing the study
6 committee's findings and recommendations concerning, but not limited
7 to, the following:

8 (1) Creation of an "advanced practice pharmacist" designation.

9 (2) The qualifications and functions of an "advanced practice
10 pharmacist".

11 (3) Inclusion of pharmacists and "advanced practice pharmacists"
12 as providers in networks of insurers that issue policies of accident
13 and sickness insurance, as defined in IC 27-8-5-1.

