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# HOUSE BILL No. 1243

DIGEST OF HB 1243 (Updated February 17, 1999 11:45 am - DI 101)

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-14.

**Synopsis:** Home energy assistance. Requires the division of family and children to consider an applicant's housing status when determining the amount of energy assistance to award the applicant under the home energy assistance program. Requires the division to give weight to the housing status of applicants in the following order of priority: (1) An applicant who resides in nonsubsidized housing. (2) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which home energy costs are not included in the rent. (3) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which home energy costs are included in the rent. Requires the division to annually evaluate the formula for determining the amount of energy assistance benefit and to submit a report containing certain information to the legislative council by April 1 of each year, beginning in 2000.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 11, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.  
February 22, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1243

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 12-14-11-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) The criteria for  
3 ~~assessing eligibility for assistance and~~ determining the amount of  
4 assistance may include the following:  
5 (1) The age of an applicant for assistance.  
6 (2) Whether the applicant is employed.  
7 (3) Household income during the past one hundred eighty (180)  
8 days.  
9 (4) Household size.  
10 (5) Type of fuel used for primary heating or cooling.  
11 (6) The need for assistance.  
12 (7) Residency.  
13 (8) The age and energy efficiency of the applicant's dwelling and  
14 heating plant.  
15 (b) **Unless prohibited by federal law, the criteria for**  
16 **determining the amount of assistance must include a consideration**  
17 **of an applicant's housing status. The division shall give weight to**

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- 1 **an applicant's housing status in the following order, from greatest**
- 2 **weight to least weight:**
- 3 **(1) An applicant who resides in nonsubsidized housing.**
- 4 **(2) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which**
- 5 **home energy costs are not included in the rent.**
- 6 **(3) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which**
- 7 **home energy costs are included in the rent.**
- 8 **(c) The division shall annually:**
- 9 **(1) review the formula used by the division to determine the**
- 10 **amount of assistance awarded under this chapter; and**
- 11 **(2) prepare a report that includes:**
- 12 **(A) the following information for the most recent state**
- 13 **fiscal year:**
- 14 **(i) The number of applicants for assistance under this**
- 15 **chapter.**
- 16 **(ii) The number of assistance awards made under this**
- 17 **chapter.**
- 18 **(iii) The average amount of assistance awarded under**
- 19 **this chapter for all recipients and by category of housing**
- 20 **status; and**
- 21 **(B) a statement of:**
- 22 **(i) the formula that the division is currently using to**
- 23 **determine the amount of assistance under this chapter;**
- 24 **and**
- 25 **(ii) the division's intention regarding any change in the**
- 26 **formula described in item (i).**
- 27 **(d) The division shall file the report required under subsection**
- 28 **(c)(2) with the legislative council by April 1, beginning in 2000.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which was referred House Bill 1243, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1243 as introduced.)

BOTTORFF, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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