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HOUSE BILL No. 1547

DIGEST OF HB 1547 (Updated March 1, 1999 12:58 pm - DI 92)

Citations Affected: IC 16-18; IC 16-41.

Synopsis: Childhood hazards program. Expands the shaken baby syndrome education program to include other childhood hazards. Provides that the department of health may implement a program focusing on awareness and prevention of childhood hazards.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.
February 18, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass; referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127.
March 1, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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 16-18-2-54.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 54.5. "Childhood hazards", for**
4 **purposes of IC 16-41-40, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 16-41-40-1.5.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-40-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**
9 **"childhood hazards" means the following preventable causes of**
10 **death to children:**

11 (A) **Shaken baby syndrome.**
12 (B) **Abuse and neglect, and accidents caused by fire, water,**
13 **firearms, and motor vehicles.**

14 SECTION 3. IC 16-41-40-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. (a) The state
16 department, with the assistance of the division, ~~may~~ **shall** establish a
17 program focusing on awareness and prevention of ~~shaken baby~~

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1 ~~syndrome.~~ **childhood hazards.**

2 (b) If a program is established under subsection (a), the state
3 department or the division may contract with a statewide nonprofit
4 organization with experience and knowledge in ~~shaken baby syndrome~~
5 **childhood hazards** to implement all or part of the program.

6 SECTION 4. IC 16-41-40-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. If the state
8 department and the division establish a program under section 3 of this
9 chapter, the state department, with the assistance of the division, shall
10 design and implement strategies for raising public awareness
11 concerning the causes and nature of **childhood hazards, including the**
12 **following concerning** shaken baby syndrome: ~~including the following:~~

- 13 (1) Factors placing parents, guardians, and other caregivers at risk
14 for shaking an infant.
15 (2) The risks associated with shaking an infant.
16 (3) Suggestions for preventing shaken baby syndrome.

17 SECTION 5. IC 16-41-40-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. (a) A program
19 established under this chapter must include the distribution of readily
20 understandable information and instructional materials regarding
21 **childhood hazards. Information concerning** shaken baby syndrome
22 ~~explaining must explain~~ its medical effects on infants and children and
23 ~~emphasizing~~ **emphasize** preventive measures.

24 (b) The information and instructional materials described in
25 subsection (a) **concerning shaken baby syndrome** must be provided
26 without cost by the following:

- 27 (1) Each hospital licensed under IC 16-21, to a parent or guardian
28 of each newborn upon discharge from the hospital.
29 (2) The division of family and children to each provider (as
30 defined in IC 12-7-2-149(4) or IC 12-7-2-149(5)) when:
31 (A) the provider applies for a license from the division under
32 IC 12-17.2 or IC 12-17.4; or
33 (B) the division inspects a facility operated by a provider.

34 SECTION 6. IC 16-41-40-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. The state
36 department, with the assistance of the division, may do the following:

- 37 (1) Work to improve the capacity of community based services
38 available to victims of ~~shaken baby syndrome.~~ **childhood**
39 **hazards.**
40 (2) Work with:
41 (A) other state and local governmental agencies;
42 (B) community and business leaders;



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1 (C) community organizations;
 2 (D) health care and human service providers; and
 3 (E) national organizations;
 4 to coordinate efforts and maximize state and private resources in
 5 the areas of prevention of and education about ~~shaken baby~~
 6 ~~syndrome.~~ **childhood hazards.**
 7 (3) Identify and, when appropriate, replicate or use successful
 8 ~~shaken baby syndrome~~ **childhood hazard** programs and procure
 9 related materials and services from organizations with appropriate
 10 experience and knowledge of ~~shaken baby syndrome.~~ **childhood**
 11 **hazards.**
 12 SECTION 7. IC 16-41-40-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) The ~~shaken baby~~
 14 ~~syndrome~~ **childhood hazards** education and prevention account is
 15 established within the state general fund to carry out this chapter. The
 16 account shall be administered by the state department.
 17 (b) Expenses of administering the account shall be paid from money
 18 in the account.
 19 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not
 20 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same
 21 manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the account
 22 at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.
 23 (d) The account consists of money accepted by the state department
 24 from grants and donations from private entities.
 25 (e) Money in the account is continuously appropriated for the
 26 purposes provided under this chapter.

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