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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	12
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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:*

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 12-14-11-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) The criteria for
- 4 ~~assessing eligibility for assistance and~~ determining the amount of
- 5 assistance may include the following:
- 6 (1) The age of an applicant for assistance.
- 7 (2) Whether the applicant is employed.
- 8 (3) Household income during the past one hundred eighty (180)
- 9 days.
- 10 (4) Household size.
- 11 (5) Type of fuel used for primary heating or cooling.
- 12 (6) The need for assistance.
- 13 (7) Residency.
- 14 (8) The age and energy efficiency of the applicant's dwelling and

1 heating plant.

2 (b) Unless prohibited by federal law, the criteria for
3 determining the amount of assistance must include a consideration
4 of an applicant's housing status. The division shall give weight to
5 an applicant's housing status in the following order, from greatest
6 weight to least weight:

7 (1) An applicant who resides in nonsubsidized housing.

8 (2) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which
9 home energy costs are not included in the rent.

10 (3) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which
11 home energy costs are included in the rent.

12 (c) The division shall annually:

13 (1) review the formula used by the division to determine the
14 amount of assistance awarded under this chapter; and

15 (2) prepare a report that includes:

16 (A) the following information for the most recent state
17 fiscal year:

18 (i) The number of applicants for assistance under this
19 chapter.

20 (ii) The number of assistance awards made under this
21 chapter.

22 (iii) The average amount of assistance awarded under
23 this chapter for all recipients and by category of housing
24 status; and

25 (B) a statement of:

26 (i) the formula that the division is currently using to
27 determine the amount of assistance under this chapter;
28 and

29 (ii) the division's intention regarding any change in the

- 1 **formula described in item (i).**
- 2 **(d) The division shall file the report required under subsection**
- 3 **(c)(2) with the legislative council by April 1, beginning in 2000.**
 (Reference is to HB 1243 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Bottorff