

SENATE BILL No. 173

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-28; IC 16-19-3-27.

Synopsis: Group homes for the developmentally disabled complaint toll free numbers. Requires supervised group living programs for the developmentally disabled to post in a conspicuous location a toll free telephone number for reporting complaints. Requires the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services and the state department of health to include on all written materials given to residents of supervised group living programs and their families or legal guardians a toll free telephone number for reporting complaints. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana commission on mental retardation and developmental disabilities.)

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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 human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-28-4-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 13.5. (a) The division of disability,**
4 **aging, and rehabilitative services shall include a toll free telephone**
5 **number for reporting complaints regarding a supervised group**
6 **living program to:**

7 (1) **the long term care ombudsman (IC 12-10-13); or**
8 (2) **the statewide waiver ombudsman (IC 12-11-13);**
9 **on all written materials given to a resident of a supervised group**
10 **living program and to the resident's family or legal guardian.**

11 (b) **The information required under subsection (a) must include**
12 **the following statement: "You do not have to give your name when**
13 **calling this number to report a complaint."**

14 SECTION 2. IC 12-28-5-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 17.5. (a) A supervised group**
17 **living facility shall post in a conspicuous location in the facility the**



1 toll free telephone number for reporting complaints to:
 2 (1) the long term care ombudsman (IC 12-10-13); or
 3 (2) the statewide waiver ombudsman (IC 12-11-13).
 4 (b) The information required under subsection (a) must include
 5 the following statement: "You do not have to give your name when
 6 calling this number to report a complaint."
 7 SECTION 3. IC 16-19-3-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2000]: Sec. 27. (a) The state department shall include a toll free
 10 telephone number for reporting complaints regarding a supervised
 11 group living program (as described in IC 12-11-1.1-1(e)(1)) to:
 12 (1) the long term care ombudsman (IC 12-10-13); or
 13 (2) the statewide waiver ombudsman (IC 12-11-13);
 14 on all written materials given to a resident of a supervised group
 15 living program and to the resident's family or legal guardian.
 16 (b) The information required under subsection (a) must include
 17 the following statement: "You do not have to give your name when
 18 calling this number to report a complaint."

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