

SENATE BILL No. 292

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-12-1-4; IC 12-17-15-20.

Synopsis: First Steps program. Provides that an organization that contracts to provide vocational rehabilitation services with the rehabilitation services bureau be accredited by CARF. Requires an organization or individual who provides early intervention services under the First Steps program to be accredited by an independent national accreditation organization.

Effective: January 1, 2001.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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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 12-12-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. The bureau
3 may do the following:

- 4 (1) Establish vocational rehabilitation centers separately or in
5 conjunction with community rehabilitation centers.
- 6 (2) Contract with governmental units and other public or private
7 organizations **that are accredited by CARF** to provide any of the
8 vocational rehabilitation services permitted or required by this
9 article, IC 12-8-1-11, IC 12-9-6, and IC 12-11-6.
- 10 (3) Provide or contract for the provision of other services that are
11 consistent with the purposes of this article, IC 12-8-1-11,
12 IC 12-9-6, and IC 12-11-6.

13 SECTION 2. IC 12-17-15-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 20. (a) This section does not**
16 **apply to the following:**

- 17 (1) A licensed physician (IC 25-22.5).



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- 1 **(2) A licensed hospital (IC 16-21-2) that has passed the most**
- 2 **recent annual inspections under IC 16-21-1-10.**
- 3 **(b) Before an organization or individual may provide an early**
- 4 **intervention service (listed under section 3(b) of this chapter) to**
- 5 **infants and toddlers with disabilities under this chapter, the**
- 6 **organization or individual must be accredited by one (1) of the**
- 7 **following organizations:**
- 8 **(1) The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation**
- 9 **Facilities (CARF), or its successor.**
- 10 **(2) The Accreditation Council on Services for People with**
- 11 **Disabilities, or its successor.**
- 12 **(3) The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare**
- 13 **Organizations (JCAHO), or its successor.**
- 14 **(4) The National Commission on Quality Assurance, or its**
- 15 **successor.**
- 16 **(5) An independent national accreditation organization**
- 17 **approved by the secretary.**

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