
SENATE BILL No. 503

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-26-10-4.

Synopsis: County payments for mentally ill persons. Requires a local mental health facility to demonstrate that diligent efforts to obtain payment from certain sources for the comfort and care of an individual temporarily placed in the facility pending admission to a state facility have been unsuccessful before a court may order payment from a county's general fund. Limits the amount that may be paid from a county's general fund to the daily rate that would have been paid by the division of family and children if the individual were eligible for assistance from the division of family and children.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 111th General Assembly (2000)

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 12-26-10-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 4. **(a)** If the comfort
 3 and the care of an individual are not otherwise provided:
 4 (1) from the individual's estate;
 5 (2) by the individual's relatives or friends; or
 6 (3) through financial assistance from the division of family and
 7 children or a county office;
 8 the court may, **if the facility demonstrates that diligent efforts to**
 9 **obtain payment from the sources listed in subdivisions (1) through**
 10 **(3) have been unsuccessful**, order the assistance furnished and paid for
 11 out of the general fund of the county.
 12 **(b) If a court orders payment from the county general fund**
 13 **under subsection (a), the payment amount may not exceed the daily**
 14 **rate that would have been paid by the division of family and**
 15 **children if the individual had qualified for assistance described in**
 16 **subsection (a)(3).**

