

# HOUSE BILL No. 1908

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Study committee for end of life issues. Establishes the end of life issues study committee. Provides that the committee consists of eight members of the general assembly appointed by the speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate. Provides that the committee shall operate for one year under the direction of the legislative council. Requires the committee to study and make recommendations concerning advanced directives, pain management and palliative care, and the financial and regulatory issues that can interfere with providing the best quality care to the dying.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

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 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning the general assembly.

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

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SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to the end of life issues study committee established by subsection (b).

(b) The end of life issues study committee is established to study medical and legal matters that often arise at the end of a person's life. These matters include the following:

- (1) The medical community's practices and restrictions on the use of pain medications and palliative care.
- (2) The availability and use of advanced directives, including living wills and the use of health care surrogates.
- (3) The financial and regulatory issues that can interfere with providing the best quality care to the dying.

(c) The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

(d) The committee consists of eight (8) members of the general assembly appointed as follows:

- (1) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint four (4) representatives, not more than two (2) of whom are



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members of the same political party.

**(2) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint four (4) senators, not more than two (2) of whom are members of the same political party.**

**(e) At the time the committee members are appointed, the chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a member of the committee to be chairperson of the committee. A member of the committee serves as chairperson at the pleasure of the appointing authority who appointed the member to the office.**

**(f) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority making the original appointment.**

**(g) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final report.**

**(h) The committee shall issue a final report before November 1, 2003.**

**(i) This SECTION expires November 1, 2003.**

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