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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-23-30.

**Synopsis:** Coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals. Creates the board for the coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals to coordinate the delivery of services to vulnerable individuals in need of services. Requires the board to oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by the commission on disproportionality in youth services.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 3 1, 2009]:  
 4 **Chapter 30. Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving**  
 5 **Vulnerable Individuals**  
 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the board for**  
 7 **the coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals**  
 8 **created by section 8 of this chapter.**  
 9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**  
 10 **of the board appointed under section 10 of this chapter.**  
 11 **Sec 3. As used in this chapter, "disproportionality" refers to a**  
 12 **situation in which members of a particular race or ethnic group in**  
 13 **the United States are represented at a percentage higher or lower**  
 14 **than the percentage of the general public that the particular race**  
 15 **or ethnic group comprises.**  
 16 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "strength based" refers to a**  
 17 **perspective that recognizes that:**



- 1 (1) every individual, group, family, and community has
- 2 strengths that should be considered by service providers when
- 3 developing services for a client;
- 4 (2) a service provider can best serve a client by collaborating
- 5 with the client to develop the client's strengths;
- 6 (3) service providers should work with a client to ensure that
- 7 every environment in which the client receives services has
- 8 adequate resources to meet the needs of the client; and
- 9 (4) a service plan for a client should not be based on
- 10 diagnostic assessments of client deficits or needs but on a
- 11 practice that uses the assessment process to discover strengths
- 12 and engage clients in collaborative planning.

13 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "vulnerable population"**  
 14 **includes:**

- 15 (1) individuals receiving services:
- 16 (A) under IC 12;
- 17 (B) from the department of child services established by
- 18 IC 31-25-1-1;
- 19 (C) through the criminal justice system;
- 20 (D) from the department of education as students who are
- 21 at risk or exceptional learners; and
- 22 (E) from the department of workforce development;
- 23 (2) young persons of color; and
- 24 (3) other individuals recognized by the board as members of
- 25 a vulnerable population.

26 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "wraparound services" refers to**  
 27 **support networks that are characterized by the creation of**  
 28 **constructive relationships to assist recipients of services, families**  
 29 **of recipients of services, and others using a strength based**  
 30 **philosophy to guide service planning.**

31 **Sec. 7. For purposes of this chapter, "young person of color"**  
 32 **refers to an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age**  
 33 **and is identified as one (1) of the following:**

- 34 (1) Black or African-American.
- 35 (2) Hispanic or Latino.
- 36 (3) Asian.
- 37 (4) American Indian.
- 38 (5) Alaska Native.
- 39 (6) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

40 **Sec. 8. The board for the coordination of programs serving**  
 41 **vulnerable individuals is created to foster coordination of services**  
 42 **and programs for vulnerable individuals in Indiana.**

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**Sec. 9. (a) The board consists of the following members:**

- (1) The secretary of family and social services, or the secretary's designee.**
- (2) The state superintendent of public instruction, or the state superintendent's designee.**
- (3) The director of the department of child services, or the director's designee.**
- (4) The commissioner of the department of correction, or the commissioner's designee.**
- (5) The director of the Indiana criminal justice institute, or the director's designee.**
- (6) The director of the budget agency, or the director's designee.**
- (7) An executive assistant to the governor designated by the governor, who shall serve as the board's chairperson.**
- (8) The commissioner of the department of workforce development, or the commissioner's designee.**
- (9) The director of the state personnel department, or the director's designee.**
- (10) The director of the civil rights commission, or the director's designee.**
- (11) The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.**
- (12) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning or the director's designee.**
- (13) A representative of the Indiana judicial center.**

**(b) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the board are required for the board to take action on any measure, including reports.**

**(c) The board shall meet two (2) times a month or more often, at the call of the chairperson.**

**(d) The board shall provide quarterly reports to the governor, the general assembly, and the Indiana criminal justice institute on the progress of the board and on issues affecting the provision of services to members of a vulnerable population. The report to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

**Sec. 10. (a) The governor shall appoint a director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director is entitled to a salary to be determined by the budget agency with the approval of the governor.**

**(b) The director, with the approval of the governor and the budget agency, and on the advice of the members of the board, may**

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1 **appoint staff necessary to fulfill the duties of the board.**

2 **Sec. 11. The board has the following duties:**

3 **(1) Oversee the implementation of the recommendations made**  
4 **by the commission on disproportionality in youth services,**  
5 **including the ongoing review and evaluation of recommended**  
6 **programs, practices, and procedures described in the report**  
7 **as mandated by P.L.234-2007.**

8 **(2) Suggest policy, program, and legislative changes related to**  
9 **services provided to members of a vulnerable population to**  
10 **accomplish the following:**

11 **(A) Enhance the quality of and access to services with**  
12 **positive outcomes for vulnerable populations.**

13 **(B) Reduce disproportionality of young persons of color in**  
14 **youth services by changing or eliminating policies that**  
15 **contribute to poor outcomes for young persons of color.**

16 **(3) Oversee and coordinate the review, evaluation, and**  
17 **development of consistent statewide standards for the use of**  
18 **risk and needs assessment tools that are culturally sensitive**  
19 **and promote objectivity in decision making at service delivery**  
20 **points in systems serving members of a vulnerable population.**

21 **(4) Work collaboratively within and across state and local**  
22 **agencies to create a central data warehouse to serve as a**  
23 **statewide system for standardized, disaggregated, race**  
24 **specific data collection that has rapid accessibility and**  
25 **accountability measures for comparative use across service**  
26 **systems and geographic areas. The data system should include**  
27 **the following:**

28 **(A) Establishing measures to ensure the collection of**  
29 **consistent information to allow comparative racial and age**  
30 **data that are program based and outcome oriented.**

31 **(B) Recommending consistent, standardized reporting**  
32 **measurements.**

33 **(C) Working with agency participants to develop**  
34 **implementation plans that achieve consistency in:**

- 35 **(i) data collection;**
- 36 **(ii) program development and evaluation;**
- 37 **(iii) staff training; and**
- 38 **(iv) annual reporting.**

39 **(5) Work collaboratively within and across state and local**  
40 **agencies and programs to achieve consistent statewide**  
41 **standards for mandatory, ongoing cultural competency**  
42 **training and professional practice standards for government**

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employees, school personnel, service providers, and professionals in systems serving members of a vulnerable population.

(6) Work collaboratively within and across state and local agencies and programs to develop and monitor a strategic plan to recruit and retain diverse professionals and staff level employees throughout all service delivery systems. The strategic plan developed must include provisions to ensure that bilingual training is available.

(7) Work collaboratively within and across state and local agencies to identify existing and to recommend new early intervention and preventive programming services for members of a vulnerable population. Intervention and preventive programming should be sensitive to race and should include culturally sensitive, evidence based programming or measures involving the following:

- (A) Strength based approaches to engage and promote positive outcomes.
- (B) Community based, wraparound services.
- (C) Educational advocacy and support services.
- (D) School based referrals to mental health care.
- (E) Programming that supports collaborative relationships among community, faith based, private, and public organizations.
- (F) Home based prevention services in the child welfare system.
- (G) Transitional services for foster youth.
- (H) Child and family teams for youth in system care.
- (I) Other early intervention and preventive programming services.

(8) Work with local officials and the Indiana criminal justice institute to develop local juvenile justice councils and support the development of strategies to reduce disproportionality and disparity at the county level.

(9) Suggest policy development and fiscal planning efforts to achieve blended or braided funding for services delivered to members of a vulnerable population.

(10) Monitor and support ongoing implementation of agency efforts to reduce disproportionality and enhance quality of services to members of a vulnerable population.

(11) Report plans and progress to the governor, the legislative council, and the public at least semiannually. A report to the

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1 legislative council under this subdivision must be in an  
 2 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.  
 3 (12) Coordinate program review and fiscal planning by  
 4 participant agencies.  
 5 (13) Direct service delivery providers to collect and report  
 6 disaggregated data based on race and ethnicity by geographic  
 7 and program areas.  
 8 **Sec. 12. To carry out this chapter, the board may do the**  
 9 **following:**  
 10 (1) Require any governmental entity that has an interest in or  
 11 is involved in the delivery of human services to attend and  
 12 participate in any meetings of the board that the board  
 13 determines to be beneficial and necessary to achieve the goal  
 14 of effective coordination and delivery of human services to  
 15 members of a vulnerable population.  
 16 (2) Seek the cooperation of all agencies, departments, and  
 17 institutions of state government to eliminate any duplication  
 18 or overlap that may exist in the administration of programs  
 19 delivery service to members of a vulnerable population.  
 20 (3) Upon the request of one (1) of the members of the board,  
 21 review the status of eligible recipients of services to determine  
 22 whether an individual recipient is under the jurisdiction of the  
 23 proper agency of state government. Following a review under  
 24 this subdivision, the board may suggest the transfer of an  
 25 individual recipient to the jurisdiction of another state agency  
 26 if permitted by law.  
 27 (4) Create task forces to study issues and provide information  
 28 to the board as needed. Members appointed to task forces  
 29 created under this subdivision serve without compensation.

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