

## SENATE BILL No. 484

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-294.5; IC 16-41-18.5.

**Synopsis:** Lupus education and awareness program. Creates the lupus education and awareness program within the state department of health, and sets forth requirements for the program. Allows the state department of health to use not more than \$2,500 in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, on the dissemination of lupus educational materials to state health care clinics that serve a high percentage of minorities.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-294.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.95-2005,  
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 294.5. (a) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-40-4,  
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 16-40-4-3.

5 **(b) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-41-18.5, has the meaning**  
6 **set forth in IC 16-41-18.5-1.**

7 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set  
8 forth in IC 16-47-1-3.

9 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-18.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JULY 1, 2011]:

12 **Chapter 18.5. Lupus Education and Awareness Program**

13 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the lupus**  
14 **education and awareness program created by section 2 of this**  
15 **chapter.**

16 **Sec. 2. (a) The lupus education and awareness program is**  
17 **created within the state department.**



1 (b) The purpose of the lupus education and awareness program  
2 is to raise public awareness about the disease lupus and provide  
3 educational programs concerning lupus to health care providers,  
4 human services providers, and the public.

5 Sec. 3. (a) The state department shall establish, promote, and  
6 maintain the program. The state department shall work with a  
7 national lupus organization in implementing the program in order  
8 to raise public awareness about the following concerning lupus:

- 9 (1) The symptoms and nature of lupus.
- 10 (2) Personal risk factors.
- 11 (3) Options for diagnosing and treating lupus.
- 12 (4) Populations with elevated risk for lupus, including women  
13 and communities of color.

14 (b) The program must include the following:

- 15 (1) An emphasis on the following:
  - 16 (A) Raising public awareness of lupus to minority  
17 populations and at-risk communities.
  - 18 (B) Educating the following persons about lupus:
    - 19 (i) The public.
    - 20 (ii) Health care providers.
    - 21 (iii) Human services providers.
  - 22 (C) Providing training concerning lupus to health care  
23 providers.
- 24 (2) Initiatives to educate and train physicians, other health  
25 care providers, and human services providers on the most  
26 current and accurate scientific and medical information  
27 regarding the following concerning lupus:
  - 28 (A) Diagnosis.
  - 29 (B) Treatment.
  - 30 (C) Risks and benefits of medications.
  - 31 (D) Research advances.
  - 32 (E) Therapeutic decision making, including medical best  
33 practices for diagnosing and treatment.
- 34 (3) Distribution of medically sound health information  
35 produced by a national lupus organization or a government  
36 agency through the following stakeholders:
  - 37 (A) Local health departments.
  - 38 (B) Schools.
  - 39 (C) The division of aging.
  - 40 (D) Employer wellness programs.
  - 41 (E) Physicians and other health care providers.
  - 42 (F) Hospitals.

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- 1           **(G) Accident and sickness insurance companies and health**
- 2           **maintenance organizations.**
- 3           **(H) Women's health programs.**
- 4           **(I) Nonprofit organizations.**
- 5           **(J) Community organizations.**
- 6           **(4) Outreach to increase knowledge among physicians, health**
- 7           **care providers, and human services providers about the**
- 8           **importance of lupus diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.**
- 9           **(5) Provision of support and assistance to continuing medical**
- 10           **education programs presented by state educational**
- 11           **institutions.**
- 12           **(6) Provision of statewide workshops and seminars for**
- 13           **professional development regarding the care and**
- 14           **management of patients with lupus.**
- 15           **(7) Development and maintenance of a directory of lupus**
- 16           **related services and health care providers specializing in the**
- 17           **diagnosis and treatment of individuals with lupus.**
- 18           **(c) The state department shall disseminate the directory**
- 19           **required by subsection (b)(7) to stakeholders, including those**
- 20           **stakeholders identified in subsection (b)(3), individuals with lupus,**
- 21           **and family members of an individual with lupus.**
- 22           **Sec. 4. (a) The state health commissioner shall designate an**
- 23           **individual within the state department to oversee the program.**
- 24           **This state health commissioner shall ensure that appropriate**
- 25           **staffing is provided for the implementation of the program.**
- 26           **(b) The individual designated under subsection (a) shall ensure**
- 27           **that the development and implementation of the program includes**
- 28           **the following:**
- 29           **(1) Identifying the appropriate entities and stakeholders to**
- 30           **carry out the purposes of the program set forth in this**
- 31           **chapter, including the following:**
- 32           **(A) Local health departments.**
- 33           **(B) Schools.**
- 34           **(C) Division of aging.**
- 35           **(D) Area agencies on aging.**
- 36           **(E) Employer wellness programs.**
- 37           **(F) Physicians and other health care providers.**
- 38           **(G) Accident and sickness insurance companies and health**
- 39           **maintenance organizations.**
- 40           **(H) Hospitals.**
- 41           **(I) Women's health organizations.**
- 42           **(J) Nonprofit entities.**

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(K) Community organizations.

(2) Basing the program on the most current scientific information and findings.

(3) Working with entities to coordinate efforts to maximize state resources in the area of lupus education and awareness.

(4) Using public health institutions for dissemination of medically sound health materials.

Sec. 5. (a) The state department may use not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) from appropriations made to the state department for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, in providing lupus educational materials to health care clinics in Indiana that are serving a high percentage of minorities.

(b) The state department may accept grants, services, and property from the federal government, public entities, and private entities for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations of the program set forth in this chapter. The state department shall seek any federal waiver needed to maximize federal funds in the implementation of the program.

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