
HOUSE BILL No. 1279

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-30.2-11.

Synopsis: Coordination of programs for youth. Requires the board for the coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals (board) to develop: (1) a five year plan for a statewide, coordinated service system to improve services for children; (2) a five year plan for in-home and out-of-home placement of youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice system; and (3) a five year plan to identify ongoing mechanisms to ensure flexible funding for youth services from multiple agencies. Requires the board to make a preliminary report by September 1, 2011, and to present the plans to the governor and the legislative council by June 1, 2012. Requires another report by January 15, 2015.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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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 4-23-30.2-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2009,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) The board has the following duties:
- 4 (1) Oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by
- 5 the commission on disproportionality in youth services, including
- 6 the ongoing review and evaluation of recommended programs,
- 7 practices, and procedures described in the report as mandated by
- 8 P.L.234-2007.
- 9 (2) Suggest policy, program, and legislative changes related to
- 10 services provided to members of a vulnerable population to
- 11 accomplish the following:
- 12 (A) Enhance the quality of and access to services with positive
- 13 outcomes for vulnerable populations.
- 14 (B) Reduce disproportionality of young persons of color in
- 15 youth services by changing or eliminating policies that
- 16 contribute to poor outcomes for young persons of color.
- 17 (3) Oversee and coordinate the review, evaluation, and



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development of consistent statewide standards for the use of risk and needs assessment tools that are culturally sensitive and promote objectivity in decision making at service delivery points in systems serving members of a vulnerable population.

(4) Work collaboratively within and across state and local agencies to create a central data warehouse to serve as a statewide system for standardized, disaggregated, race specific data collection that has rapid accessibility and accountability measures for comparative use across service systems and geographic areas.

The data system should include the following:

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

(B) Recommending consistent, standardized reporting measurements.

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

- (i) data collection;
- (ii) program development and evaluation;
- (iii) staff training; and
- (iv) annual reporting.

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

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- 1 (B) Community based, wraparound services.
 2 (C) Educational advocacy and support services.
 3 (D) School based referrals to mental health care.
 4 (E) Programming that supports collaborative relationships
 5 among community, faith based, private, and public
 6 organizations.
 7 (F) Home based prevention services in the child welfare
 8 system.
 9 (G) Transitional services for foster youth.
 10 (H) Child and family teams for youth in system care.
 11 (I) Other early intervention and preventive programming
 12 services.
- 13 (8) Work with local officials and the Indiana criminal justice
 14 institute to develop local juvenile justice councils and support the
 15 development of strategies to reduce disproportionality and
 16 disparity at the county level.
- 17 (9) Suggest policy development and fiscal planning efforts to
 18 achieve blended or braided funding for services delivered to
 19 members of a vulnerable population.
- 20 (10) Monitor and support ongoing implementation of agency
 21 efforts to reduce disproportionality and enhance quality of
 22 services to members of a vulnerable population.
- 23 (11) Report plans and progress to the governor, the legislative
 24 council, and the public at least semiannually. A report to the
 25 legislative council under this subdivision must be in an electronic
 26 format under IC 5-14-6.
- 27 (12) Coordinate program review and fiscal planning by
 28 participant agencies.
- 29 (13) Direct service delivery providers to collect and report
 30 disaggregated data based on race and ethnicity by geographic and
 31 program areas.
- 32 **(b) The board shall develop a statewide coordinated services five**
 33 **(5) year plan to improve services for children and shall work with**
 34 **state agencies to implement, monitor, and evaluate the plan so as**
 35 **to improve and protect the educational opportunities, safety,**
 36 **well-being, and health of children. The plan must be presented to**
 37 **the governor and the legislative council not later than June 1, 2012.**
 38 **The board shall make a preliminary report to the governor and the**
 39 **legislative council not later than September 1, 2011. The plan and**
 40 **preliminary report must be submitted to the legislative council in**
 41 **an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 42 (c) The plan required under subsection (b) shall provide for the

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following:

- (1) Coordination and implementation of service delivery initiatives using existing resources to reduce disparities and disproportionality for youth of color in all child serving systems.
- (2) Increasing high school graduation rates.
- (3) Reduction of child abuse and neglect.
- (4) Reduction of gaps in services within and between systems.
- (5) Improvement of coordinated funding of health, mental health, special education, and behavioral services to optimize outcomes for each child.
- (6) Improvement of culturally competent training, care, and service delivery.
- (7) Improvement in the health and well-being of children.
- (8) Improvement of educational opportunities.
- (9) An increase in employment opportunities for youth.

In developing the plan, the board shall work with system and community stakeholders and other governmental committees or commissions in areas of mutual concern. The board shall monitor and evaluate data and adjust activities and service delivery to achieve continuous progress and improvements in services for children.

(d) The board shall coordinate services and ensure flexible funding and timely response and provision of services. The coordinated service system shall be funded within existing appropriations.

(e) The board shall develop a five (5) year plan to detail a statewide system for in-home and out-of-home placements for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice system. The plan shall adequately address continuity of care issues and educational opportunities, with particular attention to transition issues raised with a youth's exit from one (1) system for another, or to the unique needs of youth who are served by multiple state agencies. The plan must include funding options for emergency shelter placements, foster home placements, residential placements, in-home community based care, and educational supports. The plan must include future reinvestment strategies from juvenile correction to supportive community based care. The board shall coordinate agency participation in identifying current funding levels of all programs and services impacting children, and shall make recommendations on strategies for reinvestment from juvenile corrections to support a preferred reallocation of

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1 resources to optimize outcomes contemplated by the plan. The plan
 2 must be presented to the governor and the legislative council not
 3 later than June 1, 2012. The board shall make a preliminary report
 4 to the governor and the legislative council not later than September
 5 1, 2011. The plan and preliminary report must be submitted to the
 6 legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

7 (f) The board shall develop a five (5) year plan that identifies
 8 ongoing mechanisms for providing flexible funding for youth who
 9 are served by multiple state agencies, so as to optimize outcomes
 10 for youth. The board shall continually monitor the plan and make
 11 adjustments as needed. The plan must be presented to the governor
 12 and the legislative council not later than June 1, 2012. The board
 13 shall make a preliminary report to the governor and the legislative
 14 council not later than September 1, 2011. The plan and preliminary
 15 report must be submitted to the legislative council in an electronic
 16 format under IC 5-14-6.

17 (g) Not later than January 15, 2013, the board shall report to the
 18 general assembly and the legislative council on the implementation
 19 of this chapter, addressing changes in disproportionality and
 20 disparities for youth of color as a measurable outcome and
 21 evaluating data in terms of optimizing outcomes for youth. The
 22 reports must be submitted to the legislative council in an electronic
 23 format under IC 5-14-6.

24 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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