January 21, 2011

SENATE BILL No. 245

DIGEST OF SB 245 (Updated January 19, 2011 11:29 am - DI 104)

Citations Affected: IC 16-41.

Synopsis: Prenatal substance abuse commission. Creates the prenatal substance abuse commission and requires the commission to develop and recommend a coordinated plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco. (The commission was originally created in 2007 and expired December 31, 2009.)

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 6, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
January 20, 2011, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

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

SECTION 1. IC 16-41-16.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

Chapter 16.5. Prevention and Treatment Programs: Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the prenatal substance abuse commission established by section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. The prenatal substance abuse commission is established to develop and recommend a coordinated plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who:

(1) abuse alcohol or drugs; or

(2) use tobacco.

Sec. 3. The commission consists of the following members:

(1) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(2) The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.

(3) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning or the director's designee.
(4) The director of the department of child services or the director's designee.
(5) One (1) physician specializing in addiction treatment of pregnant women.
(6) One (1) physician specializing in the care of pregnant women.
(7) One (1) social worker certified in the treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse.
(8) One (1) woman who has received treatment for alcohol, tobacco, or other drug abuse during pregnancy.
(9) One (1) advocate recommended by the March of Dimes, Indiana Chapter.
(10) One (1) prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney who practices in a problem solving court established under IC 33-23-16.
(11) One (1) judge of a problem solving court established under IC 33-23-16.
(12) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who are nonvoting members. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.
(13) Two (2) members of the senate, who are nonvoting members. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.
(14) An advanced practice nurse who has a collaborative agreement with a physician who specializes in addiction treatment for pregnant women or the care of pregnant women.

The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members under subdivisions (5), (7), (9), (10), and (12) not later than July 1, 2011. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the members under subdivisions (6), (8), (11), (13), and (14) not later than July 1, 2011. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of an unexpired term.

Sec. 4. A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 5. The state department shall provide staff and administrative support for the commission.

Sec. 6. The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the commission before September 1, 2011. The commission shall elect a member of the

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commission to serve as chairperson of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson and shall meet as often as necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter. However, the commission shall meet at least quarterly.

Sec. 7. Members of the commission are not entitled to a salary per diem or reimbursement of expenses for service on the commission.

Sec. 8. The affirmative votes of a majority of the commission's voting members are required for the commission to take action on any measure.

Sec. 9. The commission shall submit reports to the governor and the legislative council as follows:

(1) Not later than December 15, 2012, an interim report that contains any interim findings and recommendations of the commission.

(2) Not later than December 15, 2013, a final report that contains the findings and recommendations of the commission and an implementation plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco.

The reports required under this section must be submitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 10. This chapter expires June 30, 2014.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 245, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 245 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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