
SENATE BILL No. 223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-38-5; IC 16-46-5.

Synopsis: State department of health matters. Allows the state department of health (department) to adopt rules concerning who may input and retrieve data from the immunization data registry (registry). Allows an individual to file a registry exemption with the department. Allows the state health commissioner to approve persons to whom information from the registry may be released. Removes language that: (1) prohibits the department from releasing identifying information when releasing statistical registry information; and (2) requires the department to convene a panel concerning expanding access to the registry. Removes a requirement that a health care professional work at least one year in a shortage area or at other specified health centers in order to be eligible for the loan repayment program. Allows the Indiana health care professional recruitment and retention fund to be used to encourage delivery of health care in shortage areas on a full-time or less than full-time basis.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, 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 16-38-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. (a) The state
- 3 department may develop and maintain an immunization data registry
- 4 to collect, store, analyze, release, and report immunization data.
- 5 (b) Data in the immunization registry may be used only for the
- 6 following purposes:
- 7 (1) To assure that necessary immunizations are provided and
- 8 overimmunization is avoided.
- 9 (2) To assess immunization coverage rates.
- 10 (3) To determine areas of underimmunization and other
- 11 epidemiological research for disease control purposes.
- 12 (4) To document that required immunizations have been provided
- 13 as required for school or child care admission.
- 14 (5) To accomplish other public health purposes as determined by
- 15 the state department.
- 16 **(c) The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
- 17 **concerning who may input and retrieve information from the**



1 **immunization data registry.**

2 SECTION 2. IC 16-38-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2009,
3 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 2. (a) A provider, a physician's designee, ~~or~~ a
5 pharmacist's designee, **or a person approved by the state department**
6 may provide immunization data to the immunization data registry in a
7 manner prescribed by the state department and for the purposes
8 allowed under this chapter. ~~unless:~~

9 **(b) An exemption from the immunization registry shall be**
10 **granted if:**

11 (1) the patient; or

12 (2) the patient's parent or guardian, if the patient is less than
13 eighteen (18) years of age;

14 has completed and filed ~~with the provider, physician's designee, or~~
15 ~~pharmacist's designee~~ a written immunization data exemption form
16 **with either the person who provides the immunization or the state**
17 **department.**

18 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The state department shall create and provide copies of
19 immunization data exemption forms to:

20 (1) providers who are:

21 (A) licensed under IC 25; and

22 (B) authorized within the provider's scope of practice to
23 administer immunizations; and

24 (2) individuals;

25 who request the form.

26 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The state department shall distribute, ~~to providers,~~ upon
27 request, written information to be disseminated to patients that
28 describes the immunization data registry. The written information must
29 include the following:

30 (1) That the provider may report immunization data to the
31 immunization data registry.

32 (2) That the patient or the patient's parent or guardian, if the
33 patient is less than eighteen (18) years of age, has a right to
34 exempt disclosure of immunization data to the registry and may
35 prevent disclosure by signing an immunization data exemption
36 form.

37 (3) That the patient or the patient's parent or guardian, if the
38 patient is less than eighteen (18) years of age, may have the
39 individual's information removed from the immunization data
40 registry.

41 (4) Instructions on how to have the information removed.

42 SECTION 3. IC 16-38-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2009,

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1 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 3. (a) Records maintained as part of the
3 immunization data registry are confidential.

4 (b) The state department may release ~~an individual's confidential~~
5 information **from the immunization data registry** to the individual or
6 to the individual's parent or guardian if the individual is less than
7 eighteen (18) years of age.

8 (c) Subject to subsection (d), the state department may release
9 information in the immunization data registry concerning an individual
10 to the following **persons or** entities:

- 11 (1) The immunization data registry of another state.
- 12 (2) A provider or a provider's designee.
- 13 (3) A local health department.
- 14 (4) An elementary or secondary school that is attended by the
15 individual.
- 16 (5) A child care center that is licensed under IC 12-17.2-4 in
17 which the individual is enrolled.
- 18 (6) The office of Medicaid policy and planning or a contractor of
19 the office of Medicaid policy and planning.
- 20 (7) A child placing agency licensed under IC 31-27.
- 21 (8) A college or university (as defined in IC 21-7-13-10) that is
22 attended by the individual.
- 23 **(9) As needed, individuals or entities approved by the state**
24 **health commissioner.**

25 (d) Before immunization data may be released to an entity, the entity
26 must enter into ~~an a data use~~ agreement with the state department. ~~that~~
27 ~~provides that information that identifies a patient will not be released~~
28 ~~to any other person without the written consent of the patient.~~

29 (e) The state department may release summary statistics regarding
30 information in the immunization data registry ~~if the summary statistics~~
31 ~~do not reveal the identity of an individual.~~ **to an entity that has**
32 **entered into a data use agreement with the state department.**

33 (f) ~~The state department shall convene a panel to discuss expanding~~
34 ~~access to the immunization data registry. The panel must include at~~
35 ~~least one (1) representative of an insurance organization and at least~~
36 ~~one (1) member of a health maintenance organization. The state~~
37 ~~department shall submit the recommendations of the panel to the~~
38 ~~legislative council by October 1, 2009; in an electronic format under~~
39 ~~IC 5-14-6.~~

40 SECTION 4. IC 16-46-5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 8. (a) The Indiana
42 health care professional recruitment and retention fund is established.

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1 The purpose of the fund is to provide loan repayment for student loans
 2 incurred by health care professionals to encourage the ~~full-time~~
 3 delivery of health care in shortage areas. The state department shall
 4 administer the fund.

5 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 6 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
 7 (2) Repayments by loan recipients from the Indiana medical and
 8 nursing distribution loan fund under IC 25-22.5-9 (repealed July
 9 1, 1987).
 10 (3) Gifts to the fund.
 11 (4) Grants from public or private sources.

12 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 13 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund.

14 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
 15 to the state general fund.

16 (e) The fund shall be used to do the following:

- 17 (1) Provide loan repayment under this chapter.
 18 (2) Pay the costs incurred by the state department in administering
 19 this chapter.

20 The administrative costs paid from the fund under subdivision (2) may
 21 not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per year.

22 SECTION 5. IC 16-46-5-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 9. In order to be
 24 eligible for loan repayment for student loans, a health care professional
 25 must meet all of the following conditions:

- 26 (1) Hold an unlimited license to practice a health care profession
 27 in Indiana that has been declared by the state department to be
 28 eligible for loan repayment in a specified fiscal year.

29 (2) Have either:

30 (A) completed at least one (1) year of health care professional
 31 practice in a shortage area; or

32 (B) worked at least one (1) year at a community or migrant
 33 health center or maternal and child health clinic in a shortage
 34 area.

- 35 (3) (2) Practice in a health care profession that has been declared
 36 eligible by the state department for loan repayment in a specified
 37 fiscal year.

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