

HOUSE BILL No. 1335

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-44-5-19.

Synopsis: Health disparities medical school curriculum. Requires the medical education board to establish an education program for first year medical students that addresses health disparities and the disproportional access to health care services affecting racial and ethnic minority groups in Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 11, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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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.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2012]: **Sec. 19. (a) The board shall establish an education**
- 4 **program for first year medical students that addresses health**
- 5 **disparities and the disproportional access to health care services**
- 6 **affecting racial and ethnic minority groups in Indiana.**
- 7 **(b) The education program established under subsection (a)**
- 8 **must include the following:**
- 9 **(1) Information on the existence and magnitude of health**
- 10 **disparities affecting racial and ethnic minority groups in**
- 11 **Indiana.**
- 12 **(2) The potential for bias and mistrust that physicians and**
- 13 **patients may have and the effect it may have on a clinical**
- 14 **encounter.**
- 15 **(3) Effective skills to communicate with individuals from**
- 16 **another culture.**
- 17 **(4) Suggestions to reduce health disparities among racial and**



1 **ethnic minority groups.**
2 **(c) The education program required under this section must be**
3 **implemented not later than July 1, 2013.**

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