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HOUSE BILL No. 1466

DIGEST OF HB 1466 (Updated February 6, 2013 12:01 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 12-8.

Synopsis: Social workers in school programs. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to develop and implement an evidence-based program model that partners with elementary and high schools to provide social services to children, parents, caregivers, teachers, and the community. Allows the office of the secretary to contract with an entity to implement the program model and sets forth requirements that the contractor must meet.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

February 7, 2013, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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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 human services.

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

SECTION 1. IC 12-8-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 15. Social Services Programs in Schools

Sec. 1. (a) The office of the secretary shall develop and implement an evidence-based program model that partners with elementary schools (as defined in IC 20-18-2-4) and high schools (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7) to provide social services to children, parents, caregivers, teachers, and the community to prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors, and maximize student success.

(b) The program model developed under this chapter must include the following:

(1) Substance abuse services and prevention, including:

(A) problem identification;

(B) programs and strategies;

(C) referral to community resources;

(D) post treatment care; and
(E) case management.
(2) Assistance for children who are at-risk for dropping out of school.
(3) Grief counseling and suicide prevention.
(4) Parenting skills and family communication education.
(5) Social skills education and development.

(c) The office of the secretary may initiate the program model required by this section as a pilot project in the southwestern region of Indiana.

Sec. 2. (a) The office of the secretary may contract with an entity to provide services for the program model described in section 1 of this chapter. The entity must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a nonprofit organization that is qualified as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
(2) Be incorporated or registered in Indiana as a business with at least five (5) years of experience in providing evidence-based prevention programs and social work services in a school setting.
(3) Employ at least ten (10) individuals with a master's degree in social work to provide evidence-based programs and strategies that meet the needs of children, families, and teachers in school settings.
(4) Partner with schools, churches, and other entities to provide services to children and families.
(5) Provide independent evaluations that demonstrate the entity's success at:
(A) reducing risk factors;
(B) improving protective factors;
(C) increasing resiliency; and
(D) decreasing the individual concerns;
of students.

(b) If the office of the secretary contracts with an entity under subsection (a), the office of the secretary shall contract with an independent third party to do the following:

(1) Evaluate the outcomes of the contractor's program model.
(2) Prepare an annual report measuring the contractor's outcomes and assessing the effect of the program model.

The office of the secretary shall provide a copy of the report required by this subsection to the legislative council in an

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1 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1466, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "counseling" and insert "**services**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1466 as introduced.)

KUBACKI, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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