

HOUSE BILL No. 1455

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-8-1.5-14.

Synopsis: Use of computer software in assistance programs. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to use computer software programs to reduce inefficiencies, identify fraud mistakes, and eliminate duplication in specified assistance programs. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to report annually to the health finance commission concerning the use of the computer software programs.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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

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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 human services.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-8-1.5-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2012,
- 2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 14. **(a)** The office of the secretary shall improve
- 4 its system through the use of technology and training of staff to do the
- 5 following:
- 6 (1) Simplify, streamline, and destigmatize the eligibility and
- 7 enrollment processes in all health programs serving children.
- 8 (2) Ensure an efficient provider payment system.
- 9 (3) Improve service to families.
- 10 (4) Improve data quality for program assessment and evaluation.
- 11 **(b) The office of the secretary shall use computer software**
- 12 **programs and other technology to do the following:**
- 13 **(1) Reduce inefficiencies.**
- 14 **(2) Identify fraud or mistakes.**
- 15 **(3) Eliminate unallowable duplication of recipients or**
- 16 **applicants in the following programs:**
- 17 **(A) Medicaid assistance.**



- 1 **(B) Public assistance.**
- 2 **(C) The federal Medicare program.**
- 3 **(D) Federal assistance provided by the United States**
- 4 **Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States**
- 5 **Department of Defense.**
- 6 **(c) The office of the secretary shall, not later than October 1**
- 7 **each year, report annually to the health finance commission**
- 8 **established by IC 2-5-23-3 concerning the office's actions in**
- 9 **complying with subsection (b).**

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