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Synopsis: START program evaluation. Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services (division) to contract for an evaluation of services and support available in Indiana to certain individuals, their families, and providers. Requires the division to report findings and recommendations to the legislative council.

Effective: Upon passage.



A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

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

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "division" refers to the division of disability and**
3 **rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1.**

4 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "individual" means an individual**
5 **with an intellectual or developmental disability or a mental illness.**

6 (c) **As used in this SECTION, "provider" means a provider of**
7 **clinical or other services, education, training, or other support for**
8 **an individual.**

9 (d) **The division shall, not later than April 30, 2014, enter into**
10 **a contract for an evaluation of the services and system of care**
11 **available to individuals in Indiana. Costs associated with the**
12 **contract shall be paid from the state appropriation for the division**
13 **for the state fiscal year.**

14 (e) **The evaluation must be performed based on or in relation to**
15 **the systemic, therapeutic, assessment, respite, and treatment model**
16 **(START) of the University of New Hampshire and include**
17 **evaluation of the following:**

18 (1) **Availability of clinical, education, training, and support**
19 **services for individuals, families, and providers.**

20 (2) **Whether services are available in the least restrictive**
21 **manner for the individual.**

22 (3) **Whether, and what type of, services are available**
23 **twenty-four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week,**
24 **or otherwise.**

25 (4) **Availability of emergency and planned respite services.**

26 (5) **Implementation of crisis prevention and intervention**
27 **plans.**

28 (6) **Coordination among providers of services for an**
29 **individual.**

30 (7) **Roles and responsibilities of various providers in Indiana**
31 **with respect to provision of services to individuals.**

32 (8) **Barriers to provision of sufficient least restrictive methods**



- 1 of services for individuals.
- 2 (9) Necessary education and training to enable existing
- 3 providers to broaden the services provided.
- 4 (10) Opportunities for:
- 5 (A) coordination of services of;
- 6 (B) clarification of roles and responsibilities of; and
- 7 (C) collaboration among;
- 8 providers.
- 9 (11) Assessment of currently unaddressed needs of
- 10 individuals, families, and providers.
- 11 (12) Methods of accountability among individuals, families,
- 12 and providers.
- 13 (f) The office of the secretary of family and social services, the
- 14 state department of health, and any provider of services to an
- 15 individual shall release necessary individually identifiable health
- 16 information to the person with whom the division enters into a
- 17 contract under subsection (d). The person with whom the division
- 18 enters into a contract shall do all the following:
- 19 (1) Maintain the confidentiality of all information released
- 20 under this subsection.
- 21 (2) Not release the information to a third party. However, the
- 22 person shall share the information with the division to the
- 23 minimum extent necessary to complete the requirements of
- 24 this SECTION.
- 25 (3) Use the information only for the purposes specified in this
- 26 SECTION.
- 27 (4) Destroy the information upon the conclusion of the
- 28 evaluation.
- 29 (g) The division shall, not later than October 1, 2014, report the
- 30 findings and recommendations of the evaluation performed under
- 31 this SECTION to the legislative council in an electronic format
- 32 under IC 5-14-6. The recommendations must, at a minimum,
- 33 address all the following:
- 34 (1) The manner in which effective and appropriate services
- 35 may be made available to individuals in Indiana.
- 36 (2) Methods of linking together service systems to improve
- 37 access to the services.
- 38 (3) Development and implementation of accountability and
- 39 outcome measures, including individual and family
- 40 satisfaction, cost and treatment effectiveness over time, and
- 41 analysis of necessary changes over time.
- 42 (h) This SECTION expires July 1, 2015.
- 43 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

