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**Committee approves study on providing prescription  
drug information in the language of patient's choice**

*Errington says change could make treatment more safe and effective*

INDIANAPOLIS- Today the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee amended and approved legislation that would improve the safety and effectiveness of medical care through a study of pharmaceutical prescription practices. House Bill (HB) 1277, sponsored by State Senator Sue Errington (D-Muncie), was approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

As amended, the bill would create a committee to study the potential benefits of providing prescription drug labels in a patient's preferred language. The committee would also consider requiring pharmacists to report changes in the use of generic and name brand prescriptions.

"The most important priority is that health care serves the patient. If providing the prescription label in another language helps the treatment become more safe and effective for the patient, then that is something that we should consider doing," Errington said.

The bill now moves for consideration by the full State Senate.

For more information on Senator Errington, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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