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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1358

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DIGEST OF HB 1358 (Updated February 12, 2026 9:58 am - DI 120)

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18; IC 16-19; IC 16-20; IC 16-21; IC 16-27.5; IC 16-29; IC 16-38; IC 16-41; IC 16-42; IC 16-46; IC 16-49; IC 16-49.5; IC 16-50; IC 21-44; IC 34-30; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Indiana department of health. Changes the statewide standing order for the dispensing of a smoking cessation product to a tobacco, vaping, or nicotine cessation product. Amends the date by which a hospital must submit the hospital's fiscal report and patient information report to the state department. Removes a requirement that a home health aide competency evaluation program include at least 75 hours of training and 16 hours of classroom training before supervised practical training. Adds Parkinson's disease to the definition of "chronic disease" for provisions concerning the chronic disease registry. Requires: (1) the state department to maintain a trauma registry; and (2) certain health care facilities to submit data to the registry.  
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**Effective:** September 1, 2025 (retroactive); July 1, 2026.

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## Barrett, King, Goss-Reaves, Porter

(SENATE SPONSORS — CHARBONNEAU, BUSCH, TOMES)

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

January 20, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 22, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed.

January 23, 2026, engrossed.

January 28, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 95, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

February 5, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

February 12, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Establishes requirements for the handling and transporting of infectious waste. Sets forth factors the state department must consider in determining the nature of and civil penalty for a violation of infectious waste requirements. Expands provisions concerning epinephrine, including provisions allowing a pharmacist to dispense and an entity to prescribe epinephrine rather than auto-injectable epinephrine. Removes the expiration of provisions concerning lead screening for children. Requires a registered manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or cosmetics to comply with federal regulations concerning good manufacturing practices. Allows the state health commissioner to enter and inspect the premises of the manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor. Permits a local health department to conduct inspections of certain manufacturers, processors, repackagers, or wholesale distributors. Amends the information a local child fatality review team and the statewide child fatality review committee may review in conducting a child fatality review. Allows a suicide and overdose fatality review team and a fetal-infant mortality review team to provide records to the state department. Requires the state department to maintain the confidentiality of these records. Requires a medical school to: (1) include nutrition education in the school's curriculum; and (2) require students to complete a rural health rotation. Voids administrative rules concerning infectious waste and the state trauma registry.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-36.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 36.8. "Blood and blood products**  
4 **in liquid or semiliquid form"**, for purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the  
5 **meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.5.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-69.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 69.1. "Container"**, for purposes  
9 **of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.6.**

10 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-110, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2025,  
11 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 110. "Emergency medical services", for purposes  
13 of IC 16-31 **and IC 16-38-7**, means an integrated medical care delivery  
14 system in which emergency medical responders, emergency medical  
15 technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics

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1 provide emergency and nonemergency medical care to protect against  
2 the loss of life or aggravation of illness or injury:

3 (1) during an emergency response;

4 (2) while transporting a patient in a ground or air ambulance  
5 outside of a hospital, a health care facility, a mental health  
6 facility, or an urgent care facility (as defined in IC 16-24.5-1-1);  
7 or

8 (3) as part of a mobile integrated healthcare program described in  
9 IC 16-31-12.

10 SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-114.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 114.2. "EMS data dictionary",**  
13 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**  
14 **IC 16-38-7-1.**

15 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-179, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2023,  
16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 179. (a) "Hospital", except as provided in  
18 subsections (b) through ~~(g)~~, **(h)**, means a hospital that is licensed under  
19 IC 16-21-2.

20 (b) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-21, means an institution, a  
21 place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general public that  
22 it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides care,  
23 accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection with the  
24 services of a physician, to individuals who may need medical or  
25 surgical services. The term does not include the following:

26 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

27 (2) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,  
28 care, and treat the following:

29 (A) Individuals with a mental illness (as defined in  
30 IC 12-7-2-117.6).

31 (B) Individuals with developmental disabilities (as defined in  
32 IC 12-7-2-61).

33 (3) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept as  
34 bed patients.

35 (4) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the aged.

36 (5) Rural emergency hospitals.

37 (c) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-22-8, has the meaning set forth  
38 in IC 16-22-8-5.

39 (d) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-23.5, has the meaning set forth  
40 in IC 16-23.5-1-9.

41 (e) "Hospital" or "tuberculosis hospital", for purposes of IC 16-24,  
42 means an institution or a facility for the treatment of individuals with



1 tuberculosis.

2 (f) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-34, means a hospital (as  
3 defined in subsection (b)) that:

4 (1) is required to be licensed under IC 16-21-2; or

5 (2) is operated by an agency of the United States.

6 (g) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, means an institution,  
7 a place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general  
8 public that it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides  
9 care, accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection  
10 with the services of a physician, to individuals who may need  
11 medical or surgical services. The term does not include the  
12 following:

13 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

14 (2) Long term acute care hospitals.

15 (3) Hospitals that do not provide emergency services.

16 (4) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,  
17 care, and treat the following:

18 (A) Individuals with a mental illness.

19 (B) Individuals with developmental disabilities.

20 (5) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept  
21 as bed patients.

22 (6) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the  
23 aged.

24 (7) Rehabilitation facilities.

25 (g) (h) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-41-12, has the meaning set  
26 forth in IC 16-41-12-6.

27 SECTION 6. IC 16-18-2-198.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 198.1. "Laboratory animal  
30 carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids, and bedding", for  
31 purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in  
32 IC 16-41-16-4.5.**

33 SECTION 7. IC 16-18-2-211, AS AMENDED BY P.L.235-2025,  
34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 211. (a) "Local health department", except as  
36 provided in subsections ~~(b)~~, ~~(c)~~, and ~~(d)~~, **(b) through (e)**, means a  
37 department organized by a county or city executive with a board, a  
38 health officer, and an operational staff to provide health services to a  
39 county, city, or multiple county unit.

40 (b) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-41-7.5, has the  
41 meaning set forth in IC 16-41-7.5-1.

42 (c) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-1,



1 refers to:

- 2 (1) a local health department established under IC 16-20; or  
 3 (2) the health and hospital corporation created under  
 4 IC 16-22-8.

5 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-5.1, has  
 6 the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-5.1-1. This subsection expires  
 7 January 1, 2027.

8 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-28, has  
 9 the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-28-1.

10 SECTION 8. IC 16-18-2-240.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 240.1. "Mortuary", for purposes**  
 13 **of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-4.6.**

14 SECTION 9. IC 16-18-2-244.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 244.6. "National EMS**  
 17 **Information System", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning**  
 18 **set forth in IC 16-38-7-2.**

19 SECTION 10. IC 16-18-2-313.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 20 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.4. "Rehabilitation hospital",**  
 22 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**  
 23 **IC 16-38-7-3.**

24 SECTION 11. IC 16-18-2-313.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.5. "Rehabilitation hospital**  
 27 **registry data dictionary" for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the**  
 28 **meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-4.**

29 SECTION 12. IC 16-18-2-338.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2020,  
 30 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 338.3. (a) "Standing order", for purposes of  
 32 IC 16-31 and IC 16-42-27, means:

33 (1) a written order; or  
 34 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;  
 35 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the  
 36 distribution and administration of an overdose intervention drug,  
 37 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure  
 38 timely access to treatment.

39 (b) "Standing order", for purposes of IC 16-41-43, means:

40 (1) a written order; or  
 41 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;  
 42 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the



1 distribution and administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine,  
 2 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure  
 3 timely access to treatment.

4 SECTION 13. IC 16-18-2-354.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 5 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.6. "Trauma center", for**  
 7 **purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-5.**

8 SECTION 14. IC 16-18-2-354.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 9 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.9. "Trauma data dictionary",**  
 11 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**  
 12 **IC 16-38-7-6.**

13 SECTION 15. IC 16-18-2-370.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 14 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 370.6. "Waste handler", for**  
 16 **purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in**  
 17 **IC 16-41-16-6.6.**

18 SECTION 16. IC 16-19-4-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2022,  
 19 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The state health commissioner or the  
 21 commissioner's designated public health authority who is a licensed  
 22 prescriber may, as part of the individual's official capacity, issue a  
 23 standing order, prescription, or protocol that allows a pharmacist to  
 24 administer or dispense any of the following:

25 (1) An immunization that is recommended by the federal Centers  
 26 for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on  
 27 Immunization Practices for individuals who are not less than  
 28 eleven (11) years of age.

29 (2) A ~~smoking cessation product.~~ **tobacco, vaping, or nicotine**  
 30 **cessation product.** However, the pharmacist must inform the  
 31 patient that the patient must have a follow-up consultation with  
 32 the patient's licensed prescriber.

33 (b) This subsection does not apply to a pharmacist. The state health  
 34 commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health authority  
 35 who is a licensed prescriber may, as part of the individual's official  
 36 capacity, issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol that allows an  
 37 individual who is licensed, certified, or registered by a board (as  
 38 defined in IC 25-1-9-1), and if within the individual's scope of practice,  
 39 to administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the  
 40 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory  
 41 Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are not less  
 42 than eleven (11) years of age.



1 (c) A standing order described in subsection (a), (b), or (e) must  
2 include the following:

- 3 (1) The purpose of the order.  
4 (2) The eligible recipients.  
5 (3) The geographic area covered by the standing order.  
6 (4) The procedure for administering or dispensing the  
7 immunization or product.  
8 (5) A timeline for renewing or updating the standing order.

9 (d) The state health commissioner or designated public health  
10 authority who issues a standing order, prescription, or protocol under  
11 subsection (a), (b), or (e) is immune from civil liability related to the  
12 issuing of the standing order, prescription, or protocol.

13 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and subsection (b), the state  
14 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health  
15 authority may issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol to  
16 administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the  
17 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory  
18 Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are at least  
19 five (5) years of age. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the state  
20 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health  
21 authority to:

- 22 (1) require an individual to receive an immunization for  
23 COVID-19; or  
24 (2) waive or otherwise allow a minor to receive an immunization  
25 without the consent of the parent or guardian as required under  
26 IC 16-36-1.

27 This subsection expires at the conclusion of the federal public health  
28 emergency concerning COVID-19 that was renewed on October 15,  
29 2021, or any subsequent renewal of the declared federal public health  
30 emergency concerning COVID-19.

31 SECTION 17. IC 16-20-1-23.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 23.5. A local health department,  
34 including the health and hospital corporation created under  
35 IC 16-22-8, may conduct an inspection permitted under  
36 IC 16-42-1-13(b).**

37 SECTION 18. IC 16-21-2-12.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2025,  
38 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (d)  
40 and (e), in regulating the licensure of hospitals and ambulatory  
41 outpatient surgical centers under this article, the state department shall  
42 use the following for purposes of enforcement:



- 1 (1) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines  
 2 Institute (FGI) ~~Guidelines for Design and Construction of~~  
 3 ~~Hospitals~~, **planning codes**, except to the extent the ~~guidelines~~  
 4 **codes** conflict with subdivision ~~(3) or (4)~~: **(2) or (3)**.
- 5 (2) ~~The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines~~  
 6 ~~Institute (FGI) Guidelines for Design and Construction of~~  
 7 ~~Outpatient Facilities~~, except to the extent the ~~guidelines conflict~~  
 8 ~~with subdivision (3) or (4)~~.
- 9 (3) ~~(2)~~ The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101,  
 10 Life Safety Code Handbook and Tentative Interim Amendments  
 11 (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and  
 12 Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the Conditions of  
 13 Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.
- 14 (4) ~~(3)~~ The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99,  
 15 Health Care Facilities Code Handbook and Tentative Interim  
 16 Amendments (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for  
 17 Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the  
 18 Conditions of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.
- 19 (b) The state department shall list the version of each publication  
 20 described in subsection (a) being utilized by the state department on  
 21 the state department's website.
- 22 (c) The state department shall meet the following requirements  
 23 when a new version of a publication described in subsection (a)(1) ~~and~~  
 24 ~~(a)(2)~~ is published:
- 25 (1) Not later than ninety (90) days from the publication of the new  
 26 version, post a notice of the publication on the state department's  
 27 website, stating the state department's intent to adopt the new  
 28 version.
- 29 (2) Set forth as part of the notice a date that is:
- 30 (A) not earlier than two hundred seventy (270) days; and  
 31 (B) not later than three hundred sixty (360) days;  
 32 from the posting of the notice in which the state department may  
 33 take action using the new version of the publication.
- 34 (d) The following apply for a plan review submitted to the state  
 35 department concerning the construction, renovation, or addition to a  
 36 hospital or ambulatory outpatient surgical center:
- 37 (1) For a plan review submitted before July 1, 2025, the state  
 38 department shall utilize, for purposes of enforcement, the version  
 39 of each publication described in subsection (a) that was in effect  
 40 at the time the plan review was submitted.
- 41 (2) For a plan review submitted on July 1, 2025, and thereafter,  
 42 the state department shall utilize, for purposes of enforcement, the



- 1 version of each publication that was in place on the date that the  
 2 plan review was submitted and complying with the limitations set  
 3 forth in subsection (c)(2).
- 4 (e) The following are void:
- 5 (1) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(1).  
 6 (2) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(3).  
 7 (3) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(A).  
 8 (4) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(C).
- 9 The publisher of the Indiana Code and Indiana Register shall remove  
 10 these provisions from the Indiana Administrative Code.
- 11 SECTION 19. IC 16-21-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2025,  
 12 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Each hospital shall file with the state  
 14 department a report for the preceding fiscal year ~~within one hundred~~  
 15 ~~twenty (+20) days after~~ **not later than October 1 of the year**  
 16 **following** the end of the hospital's fiscal year. For the filing of a report,  
 17 the state department may grant an extension of the time to file the  
 18 report if the hospital shows good cause for the extension. The report  
 19 must contain the following:
- 20 (1) A copy of the hospital's balance sheet, including a statement  
 21 describing the hospital's total assets and total liabilities.  
 22 (2) A copy of the hospital's income statement.  
 23 (3) A statement of changes in financial position.  
 24 (4) A statement of changes in fund balance.  
 25 (5) Accountant notes pertaining to the report.  
 26 (6) A copy of the hospital's report required to be filed annually  
 27 under 42 U.S.C. 1395g, and other appropriate utilization and  
 28 financial reports required to be filed under federal statutory law.  
 29 (7) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims, including  
 30 providing the information as follows:
- 31 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims  
 32 for inpatient services for:
- 33 (i) Medicare;  
 34 (ii) Medicaid;  
 35 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services  
 36 provided to patients participating in a fully-funded health  
 37 insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance plan;  
 38 (iv) self-pay; and  
 39 (v) any other category of payer.
- 40 (B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims  
 41 for outpatient services for:  
 42 (i) Medicare;



- 1 (ii) Medicaid;
- 2 (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services
- 3 provided to patients participating in a fully-funded health
- 4 insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance plan;
- 5 (iv) self-pay; and
- 6 (v) any other category of payer.
- 7 (C) The total net patient revenue and total number of paid
- 8 claims for:
- 9 (i) Medicare;
- 10 (ii) Medicaid;
- 11 (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net patient
- 12 revenue for services provided to patients participating in a
- 13 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health
- 14 insurance plan;
- 15 (iv) self-pay; and
- 16 (v) any other category of payer.
- 17 (8) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims from
- 18 facility fees, including providing the information as follows:
- 19 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
- 20 for inpatient services from facility fees for:
- 21 (i) Medicare;
- 22 (ii) Medicaid;
- 23 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services from
- 24 facility fees provided to patients participating in a
- 25 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health
- 26 insurance plan;
- 27 (iv) self-pay; and
- 28 (v) any other category of payer.
- 29 (B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
- 30 for outpatient services from facility fees for:
- 31 (i) Medicare;
- 32 (ii) Medicaid;
- 33 (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services
- 34 from facility fees provided to patients participating in a
- 35 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health
- 36 insurance plan;
- 37 (iv) self-pay; and
- 38 (v) any other category of payer.
- 39 (C) The total net patient revenue and total number of paid
- 40 claims from facility fees for:
- 41 (i) Medicare;
- 42 (ii) Medicaid;



- 1 (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net patient
- 2 revenue from facility fees provided to patients participating
- 3 in a fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded
- 4 health insurance plan;
- 5 (iv) self-pay; and
- 6 (v) any other category of payer.
- 7 (9) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims from
- 8 professional fees, including providing the information as follows:
- 9 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
- 10 for inpatient services from professional fees for:
- 11 (i) Medicare;
- 12 (ii) Medicaid;
- 13 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services from
- 14 professional fees provided to patients participating in a
- 15 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health
- 16 insurance plan;
- 17 (iv) self-pay; and
- 18 (v) any other category of payer.
- 19 (B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
- 20 for outpatient services from professional fees for:
- 21 (i) Medicare;
- 22 (ii) Medicaid;
- 23 (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services
- 24 from professional fees provided to patients participating in
- 25 a fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health
- 26 insurance plan;
- 27 (iv) self-pay; and
- 28 (v) any other category of payer.
- 29 (C) The total net patient revenue and total number of paid
- 30 claims from professional fees for:
- 31 (i) Medicare;
- 32 (ii) Medicaid;
- 33 (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net patient
- 34 revenue from professional fees provided to patients
- 35 participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or a
- 36 self-funded health insurance plan;
- 37 (iv) self-pay; and
- 38 (v) any other category of payer.
- 39 (10) A statement including:
- 40 (A) Medicare gross revenue;
- 41 (B) Medicaid gross revenue;
- 42 (C) other revenue from state programs;



- 1 (D) revenue from local government programs;  
 2 (E) local tax support;  
 3 (F) charitable contributions;  
 4 (G) other third party payments;  
 5 (H) gross inpatient revenue;  
 6 (I) gross outpatient revenue;  
 7 (J) contractual allowance;  
 8 (K) any other deductions from revenue;  
 9 (L) charity care provided;  
 10 (M) itemization of bad debt expense; and  
 11 (N) an estimation of the unreimbursed cost of subsidized  
 12 health services.
- 13 (11) A statement itemizing donations.  
 14 (12) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and  
 15 unreimbursed research.  
 16 (13) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and  
 17 unreimbursed education separated into the following categories:  
 18 (A) Education of physicians, nurses, technicians, and other  
 19 medical professionals and health care providers.  
 20 (B) Scholarships and funding to medical schools, and other  
 21 postsecondary educational institutions for health professions  
 22 education.  
 23 (C) Education of patients concerning diseases and home care  
 24 in response to community needs.  
 25 (D) Community health education through informational  
 26 programs, publications, and outreach activities in response to  
 27 community needs.  
 28 (E) Other educational services resulting in education related  
 29 costs.
- 30 (14) The name of each person or entity that has:  
 31 (A) either:  
 32 (i) an ownership interest of at least five percent (5%); or  
 33 (ii) if the person is a practitioner of the hospital, any  
 34 ownership interest;  
 35 (B) a controlling interest; or  
 36 (C) an interest as a private equity partner;  
 37 in the hospital.  
 38 (15) The business address of each person or entity identified  
 39 under subdivision (14). The business address must include a:  
 40 (A) building number;  
 41 (B) street name;  
 42 (C) city name;



- 1 (D) ZIP code; and  
 2 (E) country name.  
 3 The business address may not include a post office box number.  
 4 (16) The business website, if applicable, of each person or entity  
 5 identified under subdivision (14).  
 6 (17) Any of the following identification numbers, if applicable,  
 7 for a person or entity identified under subdivision (14):  
 8 (A) National provider identifier (NPI).  
 9 (B) Taxpayer identification number (TIN).  
 10 (C) Employer identification number (EIN).  
 11 (D) CMS certification number (CCN).  
 12 (E) National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)  
 13 identification number.  
 14 (F) A personal identification number associated with a license  
 15 issued by the department of insurance.  
 16 A hospital may not include the Social Security number of any  
 17 individual.  
 18 (18) The ownership stake of each person or entity identified under  
 19 subdivision (14).  
 20 (b) The information in the report filed under subsection (a) must be  
 21 provided from reports or audits certified by an independent certified  
 22 public accountant or by the state board of accounts.  
 23 (c) A hospital that fails to file the report required under subsection  
 24 (a) by the date required shall pay to the state department a fine of ten  
 25 thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for which the report is past due. A  
 26 fine under this subsection shall be deposited into the payer affordability  
 27 penalty fund established by IC 12-15-1-18.5.  
 28 SECTION 20. IC 16-21-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2011,  
 29 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. In addition to the report filed under section 3 of  
 31 this chapter, each hospital shall, **not more than one hundred twenty**  
 32 **(120) days after the end of each calendar quarter, not later than**  
 33 **October 1 of the year following the end of the hospital's fiscal year,**  
 34 file with the state department, or the state department's designated  
 35 contractor, inpatient and outpatient discharge information at the patient  
 36 level, in a format prescribed by the state health commissioner,  
 37 including the following:  
 38 (1) The patient's:  
 39 (A) length of stay;  
 40 (B) diagnoses and surgical procedures performed during the  
 41 patient's stay;  
 42 (C) date of:



- 1 (i) admission;
- 2 (ii) discharge; and
- 3 (iii) birth;
- 4 (D) type of admission;
- 5 (E) admission source;
- 6 (F) gender;
- 7 (G) race;
- 8 (H) discharge disposition; and
- 9 (I) payor, including:
  - 10 (i) Medicare;
  - 11 (ii) Medicaid;
  - 12 (iii) a local government program;
  - 13 (iv) commercial insurance;
  - 14 (v) self-pay; and
  - 15 (vi) charity care.
- 16 (2) The total charge for the patient's stay.
- 17 (3) The ZIP code of the patient's residence.
- 18 (4) Beginning October 1, 2013, all diagnosed external causes of
- 19 injury codes.

20 SECTION 21. IC 16-27.5-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2025,  
 21 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ A home health  
 23 aide competency evaluation program must:

- 24 (1) operate in accordance with 42 CFR 484.80; and
- 25 (2) address each topic described in section 4(a) of this chapter.

26 ~~(b) A home health aide competency evaluation program must~~  
 27 ~~include at least seventy-five (75) hours of training. At least sixteen (16)~~  
 28 ~~hours of classroom training must occur before supervised practical~~  
 29 ~~training.~~

30 SECTION 22. IC 16-29-7-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 31 SECTION 130, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The state department shall  
 33 establish a review period for certificate of need applications beginning  
 34 July 1, 2019, and every July 1 thereafter, and lasting until the following  
 35 June 30.

36 (b) The state department shall accept certificate of need applications  
 37 until July 31 of the review period.

38 (c) The state department shall publish any certificate of need  
 39 applications accepted for review on the state department's website  
 40 before August 15 of the review period.

41 (d) The state department shall accept public comments on the  
 42 certificate of need applications accepted for review through October 15



1 of the review period. **Public comments may be submitted to the state**  
 2 **department by mail or electronic mail as specified on the state**  
 3 **department's website.**

4 (e) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall issue  
 5 any decision on an accepted certificate of need application not later  
 6 than April 30 of the review period.

7 (f) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
 8 implement a system for the submission of public comments under  
 9 subsection (d).

10 SECTION 23. IC 16-38-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2005,  
 11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "chronic disease"  
 13 means one (1) of the following conditions:

- 14 (1) Asthma.
- 15 (2) Diabetes.
- 16 (3) Congestive heart failure or coronary heart disease.
- 17 (4) Hypertension.
- 18 (5) Kidney disease.
- 19 (6) **Parkinson's disease.**
- 20 ~~(6)~~ (7) A condition that the state department:

- 21 (A) determines should be included on the registry; and
- 22 (B) chooses to add to the registry by rule under IC 4-22-2.

23 SECTION 24. IC 16-38-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 24 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2026]:

26 **Chapter 7. State Trauma Registry**

27 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "EMS data dictionary" means**  
 28 **the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base of**  
 29 **fire and emergent run data maintained by the Indiana EMS**  
 30 **program at the department of homeland security.**

31 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "National EMS Information**  
 32 **System" means the national repository for EMS data maintained**  
 33 **by the University of Utah School of Medicine.**

34 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital" means**  
 35 **a hospital that is excluded from a prospective payment system**  
 36 **under 42 CFR 412.**

37 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital registry**  
 38 **data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data**  
 39 **objects in the data base maintained by the state department.**

40 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "trauma center" means a**  
 41 **hospital that:**

- 42 (1) provides trauma care and has been verified as a trauma



1 center by the American College of Surgeons;

2 (2) has been designated a trauma center under a state  
3 designation system that is substantially equivalent to the  
4 American College of Surgeons verification process, as  
5 determined by the state department; or

6 (3) has been deemed to be in the process of American College  
7 of Surgeons verification pursuant to 836 IAC 1-2.1.

8 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "trauma data dictionary" means  
9 the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base  
10 maintained by the trauma registry under this chapter.

11 Sec. 7. (a) The state department shall maintain a trauma  
12 registry to collect and analyze data that is necessary to evaluate the  
13 delivery of trauma care in Indiana.

14 (b) The data collected by the registry must allow the state  
15 department to identify and evaluate the following:

16 (1) Frequency, type, severity, and outcome of trauma injuries.

17 (2) Criteria used to establish triage protocols.

18 (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions  
19 of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of  
20 trauma care.

21 (4) Other factors to consider in recommending, designing, or  
22 implementing the statewide trauma care delivery system,  
23 including:

24 (A) public education on trauma and injury prevention;

25 (B) access to trauma care;

26 (C) prehospital availability; and

27 (D) the cost of trauma care.

28 (c) Registry data must be linked between emergency medical  
29 services providers, health care facilities, and other agencies to  
30 assess the quality of the entire continuum of trauma care.

31 Sec. 8. The following shall submit data concerning trauma care  
32 to the state department for inclusion in the registry:

33 (1) A hospital.

34 (2) A trauma center.

35 (3) A rehabilitation hospital.

36 (4) An emergency medical services provider, both basic life  
37 support and advanced life support, that transports patients.

38 (5) At the request of the state department, any state agency  
39 possessing data or information regarding trauma care.

40 Sec. 9. (a) Data submitted to the registry must include  
41 information that allows the state department to identify and  
42 evaluate the following:



- 1           (1) Incidence, mechanism, type, severity, and outcome of
- 2           traumatic injuries.
- 3           (2) Criteria used to establish or refine triage and transport
- 4           guidelines.
- 5           (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions
- 6           of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of
- 7           trauma care.
- 8           (b) Data submitted to and maintained by the registry must be in
- 9           a format that:
- 10           (1) protects the identity of specific patients to whom medical
- 11           care has been rendered;
- 12           (2) identifies specific health care facilities by a code or other
- 13           designation; and
- 14           (3) avoids or minimizes duplication of entries.
- 15           Sec. 10. (a) An entity required to submit data under section 8 of
- 16           this chapter shall submit data to the registry by direct data entry
- 17           or by electronic data transfer using an .xml format and data
- 18           scheme that is based on the trauma data dictionary.
- 19           (b) A hospital shall submit data to the registry using the criteria
- 20           in the trauma data dictionary.
- 21           (c) A rehabilitation hospital shall submit data to the registry
- 22           using the rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary.
- 23           (d) An emergency medical services provider shall submit data
- 24           to the registry using the most current version of the National EMS
- 25           Information System data elements and the criteria in the Indiana
- 26           EMS Data Dictionary.
- 27           Sec. 11. (a) A hospital, trauma center, and rehabilitation
- 28           hospital shall report data to the registry as follows:
- 29           (1) For a patient admitted to the facility between January 1
- 30           and March 31, not later than June 30.
- 31           (2) For a patient admitted to the facility between April 1 and
- 32           June 30, not later than September 30.
- 33           (3) For a patient admitted to the facility between July 1 and
- 34           September 30, not later than January 15 of the following year.
- 35           (4) For a patient admitted to the facility between October 1
- 36           and December 31, not later than May 1 of the following year.
- 37           (b) Not later than the fifteenth day of each month in which an
- 38           incident occurred, an EMS provider shall report the data to the
- 39           state department.
- 40           Sec. 12. (a) The state department may remove a facility's
- 41           designation as a trauma center if the facility fails to submit data as
- 42           required under this chapter.



1           **(b) The state department may deem a facility or EMS provider**  
 2 **that fails to submit data as required under this chapter ineligible**  
 3 **for state department programs, grants, or other sources of state**  
 4 **department funding.**

5           **Sec. 13. (a) Information in the trauma registry is confidential**  
 6 **and may be released in a statistical form that does not provide**  
 7 **personally identifiable information.**

8           **(b) Information in the trauma registry may be released in**  
 9 **accordance with IC 4-1-6-8.6.**

10           SECTION 25. IC 16-41-16-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**  
 13 **"blood and blood products in liquid or semiliquid form" means**  
 14 **blood and blood products that have intermediate fluid properties**  
 15 **and are capable of flowing in a manner similar to a liquid.**

16           SECTION 26. IC 16-41-16-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter,**  
 19 **"container" means any portable device or material in which**  
 20 **infectious waste is:**

- 21           **(1) stored;**
- 22           **(2) transported;**
- 23           **(3) treated;**
- 24           **(4) disposed of; or**
- 25           **(5) otherwise handled.**

26           SECTION 27. IC 16-41-16-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this**  
 28 **chapter, "effective treatment" means treatment that meets the following**  
 29 **conditions:**

- 30           **(1) Reduces the pathogenic qualities of infectious waste to a point**  
 31 **where the waste is safe to handle.**
- 32           **(2) Is designed for the specific waste involved.**
- 33           **(3) Is carried out in a manner consistent with rules adopted by the**  
 34 **state department under section 8 of this chapter.**

35           **(b) The term includes the following:**

- 36           **(1) Incineration.**
- 37           **(2) Steam sterilization.**
- 38           **(3) Chemical disinfection.**
- 39           **(4) Thermal inactivation.**
- 40           **(5) Irradiation.**

41           **(6) Discharge in a sanitary sewer or septic system that is**  
 42 **properly installed and operates in accordance with local and**



- 1           **state laws.**
- 2           SECTION 28. IC 16-41-16-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 3 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter,**
- 5 **"laboratory animal carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids,**
- 6 **and bedding"** means carcasses, body parts, blood and blood
- 7 **products in liquid or semiliquid form, and bedding of animals that**
- 8 **have been intentionally or are suspected of having been exposed to**
- 9 **pathogens in:**
- 10           **(1) research;**
- 11           **(2) production of biologicals;**
- 12           **(3) the in vivo testing of pharmaceuticals; or**
- 13           **(4) other procedures.**
- 14           SECTION 29. IC 16-41-16-4.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.6. As used in this chapter,**
- 17 **"mortuary" means a funeral home (as defined in IC 25-15-2-15).**
- 18           SECTION 30. IC 16-41-16-6.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 19 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.6. As used in this chapter,**
- 21 **"waste handler" means a person who handles infectious waste.**
- 22           SECTION 31. IC 16-41-16-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 23 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.9. (a) A person who generates**
- 25 **infectious waste is responsible for the:**
- 26           **(1) appropriate containment;**
- 27           **(2) appropriate labeling;**
- 28           **(3) effective treatment;**
- 29           **(4) transport; and**
- 30           **(5) disposal of;**
- 31 **infectious waste as required by this chapter.**
- 32           **(b) A person may provide services to the person who generates**
- 33 **infectious waste, including the responsibilities described in**
- 34 **subsection (a)(1) through (a)(5). A person described in this section**
- 35 **shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.**
- 36           SECTION 32. IC 16-41-16-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. (a) Before infectious**
- 38 **waste is placed in an area that is not a secure area and before the waste**
- 39 **is sent for final disposal, ~~all infectious waste must be:~~ a person shall:**
- 40           **(1) ~~effectively treated~~ conduct effective treatment on the**
- 41 **infectious waste on site; or**
- 42           **(2) ~~transported~~ transport the infectious waste off site for**



1 effective treatment;  
2 according to ~~rules adopted under section 8 of this chapter.~~ **this**  
3 **chapter.**

4 (b) A facility shall treat liquid infectious waste or excreta that are  
5 infectious waste as required by subsection (a) or flush the liquid  
6 infectious waste or excreta that are infectious waste in compliance with  
7 rules adopted under IC 4-22-2.

8 SECTION 33. IC 16-41-16-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
9 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**  
10 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.7. (a) A person shall ensure that**  
11 **infectious waste is, at all times, contained in a manner that will**  
12 **reasonably protect:**

- 13 (1) a waste handler; and
  - 14 (2) the public;
- 15 **from contracting a dangerous communicable disease that may**  
16 **result from exposure to the infectious waste.**

17 (b) A person shall place a contaminated sharp or a  
18 contaminated object that could potentially become a contaminated  
19 sharp, infectious biological culture, infectious associated biological,  
20 and infectious agent stock in a container that:

- 21 (1) is leak proof, rigid, and puncture resistant;
- 22 (2) is tightly sealed to prevent expulsion;
- 23 (3) is labeled with the biohazard symbol; and
- 24 (4) undergoes effective treatment before being stored in a  
25 unsecured area and sent for final disposal.

26 (c) A person shall place pathological waste, laboratory animal  
27 carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids, and bedding, blood  
28 and blood products in liquid or semiliquid form, and human body  
29 fluids that are visibly contaminated with blood, in a container that:

- 30 (1) is impervious to moisture;
- 31 (2) is sufficiently strong and thick to prevent expulsion;
- 32 (3) is secured in a manner that prevents leakage or expulsion;
- 33 (4) is labeled with the biohazard symbol; and
- 34 (5) undergoes effective treatment before being stored in a  
35 unsecured area and sent for final disposal.

36 SECTION 34. IC 16-41-16-7.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
37 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**  
38 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.8. A person shall have written**  
39 **policies and procedures that include at least the following:**

- 40 (1) The requirements of this chapter.
- 41 (2) The sanctions for failing to comply with the requirements  
42 of this chapter, including the discipline and dismissal of a



- 1           **person.**
- 2           **(3) The instruction and materials concerning this chapter to**
- 3           **a person before the person is likely to be exposed to infectious**
- 4           **waste.**
- 5           **(4) Documentation concerning instruction provided under**
- 6           **subdivision (3).**
- 7           **(5) A procedure for providing records to the state department**
- 8           **for inspection under section 9 of this chapter.**
- 9           SECTION 35. IC 16-41-16-7.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 10          CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 11          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7.9. (a) If infectious waste is**
- 12          **stored before final disposal, a person shall do the following:**
- 13           **(1) Store the infectious waste in a secure area that:**
- 14           **(A) is locked or otherwise secured to eliminate access by or**
- 15           **exposure to the public;**
- 16           **(B) affords protection from adverse environmental**
- 17           **conditions and vermin; and**
- 18           **(C) prominently displays a biohazard symbol.**
- 19           **(2) Store the infectious waste in manner that:**
- 20           **(A) preserves the integrity of the container in which the**
- 21           **infectious waste is stored; and**
- 22           **(B) is not conducive to rapid microbial growth and**
- 23           **putrefaction.**
- 24           **(3) Except as provided in subsection (b), disinfect a reusable**
- 25           **container for infectious waste each time the container is**
- 26           **emptied.**
- 27           **(b) A person is not required to disinfect a reusable container**
- 28           **under subsection (a)(3) if the reusable container was protected**
- 29           **from contamination by a disposable liner, bag, or other device that**
- 30           **was removed with the infectious waste.**
- 31          SECTION 36. IC 16-41-16-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 32          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8. (a) After consulting**
- 33          with an advisory committee composed of representatives of persons or
- 34          facilities that handle infectious wastes, the state department ~~shall~~ **may**
- 35          adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 36          **(b) The state department shall may** adopt rules under this section
- 37          after considering the guidelines of the following:
- 38           **(1) United States Environmental Protection Agency.**
- 39           **(2) United States Centers for Disease Control.**
- 40           **(3) United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration.**
- 41           **(4) State department of labor.**
- 42           **(5) State department of environmental management.**



1 (c) The state department shall adopt rules under this section that  
 2 establish an alternative to 410 IAC 1-3-28 to allow a person or facility  
 3 that transports infectious waste offsite to label each container of  
 4 infectious waste in a manner that:

5 (1) does not specifically identify the generating facility or  
 6 treatment facility; and

7 (2) ensures that the identity of the generating facility or treatment  
 8 facility may be readily obtained based on the label information.

9 SECTION 37. IC 16-41-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 10 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) A person shall:**

12 **(1) transport infectious waste in a manner that reasonably**  
 13 **protects waste handlers and the public from contracting a**  
 14 **dangerous communicable disease; and**

15 **(2) before the infectious waste in compacted, conduct effective**  
 16 **treatment of the infectious waste.**

17 **(b) A person who transports infectious waste offsite shall do the**  
 18 **following:**

19 **(1) Label the container of infectious waste with the name,**  
 20 **address, and telephone number of the following facilities, if**  
 21 **applicable:**

22 **(A) The facility that generated the infectious waste.**

23 **(B) The facility that treated or will treat the infectious**  
 24 **waste.**

25 **(2) Provide a form that contains:**

26 **(A) the information for each facility described in**  
 27 **subdivision (1);**

28 **(B) a brief description of the:**

29 **(i) infectious waste; and**

30 **(ii) method of effective treatment of the infectious waste;**

31 **and**

32 **(C) the signature of the person responsible for transporting**  
 33 **the infectious waste.**

34 SECTION 38. IC 16-41-16-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state  
 36 department may commence an action under IC 4-21.5-3-6 or  
 37 IC 4-21.5-4 for issuance of an order of compliance and a civil penalty  
 38 not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation per day  
 39 against a person who:

40 (1) fails to comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this  
 41 chapter; or

42 (2) interferes with or obstructs the state department or the state



1 department's designated agent in the performance of official  
2 duties under this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

3 (b) The state department may commence an action against a facility  
4 licensed by the state department under either subsection (a) or the  
5 licensure statute for that facility, but the state department may not bring  
6 an action arising out of one (1) incident under both statutes.

7 **(c) In determining the nature of a violation and the amount of**  
8 **a civil penalty under subsection (a), the state department shall**  
9 **consider the following factors:**

- 10 **(1) The potential harm or imminent threat to public health.**  
11 **(2) The extent of a deviation from the requirements of this**  
12 **chapter.**  
13 **(3) The degree of willfulness, recklessness, or negligence.**  
14 **(4) Whether the person who committed the violation has**  
15 **previously failed to comply with the requirements of this**  
16 **chapter.**  
17 **(5) Whether the person who committed the violation engaged**  
18 **in any of the following:**  
19 **(A) Obstruction of the state department's duties under this**  
20 **chapter.**  
21 **(B) Failure to cooperate with the state department.**  
22 **(C) Fraudulent conduct.**

23 SECTION 39. IC 16-41-39.4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2023,  
24 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The state department shall, in cooperation  
26 with other state agencies, collect data under this chapter and ~~before~~  
27 ~~June 1~~ of each year, report the results to the general assembly for the  
28 previous calendar year. A copy of the report shall be transmitted in an  
29 electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the executive director of the  
30 legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the  
31 general assembly. **make the data available on the state department's**  
32 **website.**

33 (b) The ~~report transmitted~~ **data made available** under subsection  
34 (a) must include for each county the following information concerning  
35 children who are less than seven (7) years of age:

- 36 (1) The number of children who received a blood lead test.  
37 (2) The number of children who had a blood test result of at least  
38 ten (10) micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.  
39 (3) The number of children identified under subdivision (2) who  
40 received a blood test to confirm that they had lead poisoning.  
41 (4) The number of children identified under subdivision (3) who  
42 had lead poisoning.



- 1 (5) The number of children identified under subdivision (4) who
- 2 had a blood test result of less than ten (10) micrograms of lead per
- 3 deciliter of blood.
- 4 (6) The average number of days taken to confirm a blood lead
- 5 test.
- 6 (7) The number of risk assessments performed for children
- 7 identified under subdivision (4) and the average number of days
- 8 taken to perform the risk assessment.
- 9 (8) The number of housing units in which risk assessments
- 10 performed under subdivision (7) documented lead hazards as
- 11 defined by 40 CFR 745.
- 12 (9) The number of housing units identified under subdivision (8)
- 13 that were covered by orders issued under IC 13-14-10-2 or by
- 14 another governmental authority to eliminate lead hazards.
- 15 (10) The number of housing units identified under subdivision (9)
- 16 for which lead hazards have been eliminated within thirty (30)
- 17 days, three (3) months, and six (6) months.

18 SECTION 40. IC 16-41-39.4-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2022,  
 19 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state department shall establish  
 21 guidance and standards for health care providers for screening children  
 22 in Indiana for lead poisoning. When developing the guidance and  
 23 standards, the state department shall consult with the American  
 24 Academy of Pediatrics.

25 (b) The state department shall make the guidance and standards  
 26 established under subsection (a) available on the state department's  
 27 ~~internet web site.~~ **website.**

28 ~~(c) This section expires December 31, 2026.~~

29 SECTION 41. IC 16-41-39.4-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2022,  
 30 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) A health care provider who provides health  
 32 care services to a child who is less than six (6) years of age shall do the  
 33 following:

- 34 (1) Determine whether the child has had a blood lead screening
- 35 test.
- 36 (2) If the child has had a blood lead screening test, determine at
- 37 what age the child was tested and the results of the blood lead
- 38 screening test.
- 39 (3) If the child has not had a blood lead screening test and is:
- 40 (A) at least nine (9) months old; and
- 41 (B) less than seventy-two (72) months old;
- 42 offer a lead poisoning screening in accordance with guidance and



- 1 standards established by the state department under section 10 of  
 2 this chapter.
- 3 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a parent or  
 4 guardian to have their child receive a blood lead screening test.
- 5 ~~(c) This section expires December 31, 2026.~~
- 6 SECTION 42. IC 16-41-43-2.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2020,  
 7 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.3. (a) A pharmacist may, by standing order,  
 9 dispense ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine without examining the individual  
 10 to whom it may be administered if all of the following conditions are  
 11 met:
- 12 (1) The ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed to a person who:  
 13 (A) presents a certificate of completion issued under section  
 14 2.5(c) of this chapter to the pharmacist before the  
 15 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed; and  
 16 (B) is an individual who is or may be in a position to assist an  
 17 individual who is at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis.
- 18 (2) The pharmacist provides instruction concerning how to  
 19 properly administer ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from the specific  
 20 device being dispensed at the time of the device's dispensing.
- 21 (3) The pharmacist instructs the individual receiving the  
 22 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to summon emergency medical  
 23 services either immediately before or immediately after  
 24 administering the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual  
 25 experiencing anaphylaxis.
- 26 (b) A person wishing to receive ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by  
 27 standing order must do the following:
- 28 (1) Successfully complete the course described in section 2.5(a)  
 29 of this chapter.
- 30 (2) Present a certificate of completion issued under section 2.5(c)  
 31 of this chapter to a pharmacist at the time the ~~auto-injectable~~  
 32 epinephrine is requested.
- 33 (c) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may administer  
 34 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that the person reasonably  
 35 believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.
- 36 (d) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may not be  
 37 considered to be practicing medicine without a license in violation of  
 38 IC 25-22.5-8-2 if the individual, acting in good faith:
- 39 (1) obtains ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from a pharmacist by  
 40 standing order;
- 41 (2) administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that  
 42 the person reasonably believes is experiencing anaphylaxis in a



- 1 manner that is consistent with:
- 2 (A) the training provided during the course described in
- 3 section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
- 4 (B) the instruction provided to the person by a pharmacist at
- 5 the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was dispensed; and
- 6 (3) attempts to summon emergency medical services either
- 7 immediately before or immediately after administering the
- 8 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.
- 9 (e) The state department shall ensure that a statewide standing order
- 10 for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in Indiana is issued
- 11 under this section. The state health commissioner may, as part of the
- 12 individual's official capacity, issue a statewide standing order that may
- 13 be used for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this
- 14 section. The immunity provided in IC 34-13-3-3 applies to an
- 15 individual described in this subsection.
- 16 SECTION 43. IC 16-41-43-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2025,
- 17 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The state department shall approve
- 19 courses concerning allergies and the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~
- 20 epinephrine that meet criteria established by the state department.
- 21 (b) The state department shall do the following:
- 22 (1) Publish and maintain, on its website, the following:
- 23 (A) The criteria established by the state department under
- 24 subsection (a).
- 25 (B) A list of all approved courses.
- 26 (2) Prescribe the certification process for the course described in
- 27 subsection (a).
- 28 (3) Revoke the approval of a course if it does not comply with the
- 29 criteria specified by the state department.
- 30 (c) A person who successfully completes a certified course shall
- 31 receive a certificate of completion issued by the entity providing the
- 32 course.
- 33 (d) A certificate of completion issued under subsection (c) must:
- 34 (1) have dimensions that permit the certificate of completion to be
- 35 carried in a wallet; and
- 36 (2) display the following information:
- 37 (A) The first and last name of the person.
- 38 (B) The first and last name of the course instructor.
- 39 (C) The name of the entity responsible for providing the
- 40 course, if applicable.
- 41 (D) The date the course described in subsection (a) was
- 42 completed.



- 1 (E) Any other information required by the state department.  
 2 (e) The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
 3 implement this section.  
 4 SECTION 44. IC 16-41-43-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,  
 5 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) An entity may fill a prescription for  
 7 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine and store the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine  
 8 on the premises of the entity if a health care provider who is licensed  
 9 in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of  
 10 medication writes or electronically transmits the prescription for  
 11 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine for the entity.  
 12 (b) The entity shall store the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in a safe  
 13 location in which only the entity's personnel or agents have access.  
 14 SECTION 45. IC 16-41-43-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2020,  
 15 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. ~~Injectable~~ Epinephrine that is filled and used  
 17 in accordance with this chapter must have an expiration date of not less  
 18 than twelve (12) months from the date that the pharmacy dispenses the  
 19 ~~injectable~~ epinephrine to the entity or person, as applicable.  
 20 SECTION 46. IC 16-41-43-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.59-2015,  
 21 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A nurse employed by an entity may  
 23 administer ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this  
 24 chapter to any of the following individuals if the individual is  
 25 demonstrating signs or symptoms of life threatening anaphylaxis and  
 26 the individual does not have epinephrine at the entity or the individual's  
 27 prescription is not available:  
 28 (1) Employees or agents of the entity.  
 29 (2) Visitors at the entity.  
 30 (b) An entity's employees and agents may administer ~~auto-injectable~~  
 31 epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this chapter if the following are  
 32 met:  
 33 (1) The entity employee or agent has voluntarily received training  
 34 in:  
 35 (A) recognizing anaphylaxis; and  
 36 (B) the proper administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine;  
 37 by a health care provider who is licensed or certified in Indiana,  
 38 for whom the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is  
 39 within the health care provider's scope of practice, who has  
 40 received training in the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~  
 41 epinephrine, and who is knowledgeable in recognizing the  
 42 symptoms of anaphylaxis and the administration of



- 1           ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.
- 2           (2) The individual to whom the epinephrine is being administered
- 3           is:
- 4                 (A) an employee or agent of the entity; or
- 5                 (B) a visitor at the entity.
- 6           SECTION 47. IC 16-41-43-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,
- 7           SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 8           JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A health care provider who is licensed in
- 9           Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of
- 10          medication may write or electronically transmit a prescription, drug
- 11          order, or protocol for ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine for the entity.
- 12          (b) A pharmacist licensed under IC 25-26 may dispense a valid
- 13          prescription, drug order, or protocol for ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine
- 14          issued in the name of an entity.
- 15          SECTION 48. IC 16-41-43-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2020,
- 16          SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 17          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) This chapter does not apply to a person
- 18          who is eligible for immunity specified in one (1) or more of the
- 19          following sections:
- 20                 (1) Section 6 of this chapter.
- 21                 (2) IC 20-34-4.5-4.
- 22                 (3) IC 21-44.5-2-6.
- 23          (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person who meets all of
- 24          the following criteria is not liable for civil damages for any act or
- 25          omission related to the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine:
- 26                 (1) The person has successfully completed a course described in
- 27                 section 2.5(a) of this chapter before administering ~~auto-injectable~~
- 28                 epinephrine to a person.
- 29                 (2) The person administered the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in a
- 30                 manner that was consistent with:
- 31                         (A) the training provided during the course described in
- 32                         section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
- 33                         (B) the instruction provided to the person by the pharmacist at
- 34                         the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was dispensed to the
- 35                         person.
- 36                 (3) The person reasonably believed that the recipient of the
- 37                 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was suffering from anaphylaxis at the
- 38                 time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was administered.
- 39          (c) A pharmacist who complies with section 2.3(a) of this chapter
- 40          is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of
- 41          ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.
- 42          (d) The immunity described in subsection (b) or (c) does not apply



1 to any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and  
2 wanton misconduct.

3 SECTION 49. IC 16-41-43-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,  
4 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A nurse employed by an entity or an  
6 employee of the entity who administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in  
7 accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and with this chapter is  
8 not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of  
9 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or  
10 omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

11 (b) A licensed health care provider who:

12 (1) writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this  
13 chapter;

14 (2) transmits in an electronic format a prescription, drug order, or  
15 protocol for an electronically transmitted prescription under this  
16 chapter; or

17 (3) provides training to an entity's personnel under this chapter;  
18 is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of  
19 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter.

20 SECTION 50. IC 16-42-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A manufacturer,  
22 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or  
23 cosmetics who maintains a place of business in Indiana shall file with  
24 the state department, upon forms to be furnished by the state  
25 department, a written statement of the name and address of the owner,  
26 the character of the business, and the business address of each place of  
27 business in Indiana.

28 (b) A new place of business for the manufacture, processing,  
29 repacking, or wholesale distribution of food, drugs, or cosmetics may  
30 not be established in Indiana until the place of business has been  
31 registered as provided in this chapter.

32 (c) If ownership of a registered place of business changes, the new  
33 owner shall reregister the place of business before operating the same.

34 **(d) A manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale**  
35 **distributor registered under this section shall comply with the**  
36 **current good manufacturing practice, hazard analysis, and**  
37 **risk-based preventive controls for human food (21 CFR 117).**

38 **(e) The state department may terminate the registration of a**  
39 **registered manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale**  
40 **distributor of food, drugs, or cosmetics for a violation of this**  
41 **section. The state department's termination of a registration under**  
42 **this subsection is subject to IC 4-21.5.**



1 SECTION 51. IC 16-42-1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.101-2018,  
 2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. **(a)** For the purpose of enforcing IC 16-42-1  
 4 through IC 16-42-4, the state health commissioner or the  
 5 commissioner's authorized representative may do the following:

6 (1) Enter, at reasonable times, any produce farm, factory,  
 7 warehouse, place of production, or establishment subject to  
 8 IC 16-42-1 through IC 16-42-4 or enter any vehicle being used to  
 9 transport or hold food, drugs, devices, or cosmetics.

10 (2) Inspect, at reasonable times, the produce farm, factory,  
 11 warehouse, place of production, establishment, or vehicle and all  
 12 pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished materials,  
 13 containers, labeling, and advertisements.

14 **(3) Enter and inspect, during business hours, the premises of  
 15 a manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale  
 16 distributor registered under section 6 of this chapter.**

17 **(b) A local health department may inspect a manufacturer,  
 18 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor that:**

19 **(1) is registered under section 6 of this chapter; and**

20 **(2) engages in less than twenty-five percent (25%) of  
 21 wholesale business in gross annual food sales in Indiana.**

22 **(c) The state department may inspect a manufacturer,  
 23 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor described in  
 24 subsection (b) to enforce this article or rules adopted by the state  
 25 department.**

26 SECTION 52. IC 16-46-7-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.55-2019,  
 27 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Before July 1, 2019, and on a biennial  
 29 basis thereafter, the state department, with the assistance of:

30 (1) the Indiana minority health coalition;

31 (2) health care providers that treat individuals with sickle cell  
 32 disease;

33 (3) individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; and

34 (4) representatives of community based organizations that serve  
 35 individuals with sickle cell disease;

36 shall perform a study to determine the prevalence, impact, and needs  
 37 of individuals with sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait in Indiana.

38 (b) The study must include the following:

39 (1) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals  
 40 diagnosed with sickle cell disease in Indiana.

41 (2) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals  
 42 diagnosed as sickle cell trait carriers in Indiana.



- 1 (3) The availability and affordability of screening services in
- 2 Indiana for sickle cell trait.
- 3 (4) The location and capacity of the following for the treatment of
- 4 sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait carriers:
- 5 (A) Treatment centers.
- 6 (B) Clinics.
- 7 (C) Community based social service organizations.
- 8 (D) Medical specialists.
- 9 (5) The unmet medical, psychological, and social needs
- 10 encountered by individuals in Indiana with sickle cell disease.
- 11 (6) The underserved areas of Indiana for the treatment of sickle
- 12 cell disease.
- 13 (7) Recommendations for actions to address any shortcomings in
- 14 Indiana identified under this section.

15 (c) The state department shall ~~transmit a study performed under this~~  
 16 ~~section in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly.~~  
 17 **make information from a study performed under this section**  
 18 **available on the state department's website.**

19 SECTION 53. IC 16-49-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 20 SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A local child fatality review  
 22 team:

- 23 (1) shall review the death of a child whose death incident
- 24 occurred in the area served by the local child fatality review team
- 25 and may review the death of a child whose death occurred in the
- 26 area served by the local child fatality review team if:
- 27 (A) the death of the child is:
- 28 (i) sudden;
- 29 (ii) unexpected;
- 30 (iii) unexplained; or
- 31 (iv) assessed by the department of child services for alleged
- 32 abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of the child; or
- 33 (B) the coroner in the area where the death occurred
- 34 determines that the cause of the death of the child is:
- 35 (i) undetermined; or
- 36 (ii) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident; and
- 37 (2) may, at its discretion, review the near fatality of a child whose
- 38 incident or injury occurred in the area served by the local child
- 39 fatality review team.
- 40 (b) In conducting a child fatality review under subsection (a), the
- 41 local child fatality review team may review all applicable records and
- 42 information related to the death or near fatality of the child, including



- 1 the following:
- 2 (1) Records held by the:
- 3 (A) state department or local health department; and
- 4 (B) department of child services.
- 5 (2) Medical records.
- 6 (3) Law enforcement records.
- 7 (4) Autopsy reports.
- 8 (5) Records of the coroner.
- 9 (6) Mental health reports.
- 10 **(7) Emergency medical services and fire department run**
- 11 **reports.**
- 12 (c) Except as otherwise provided under this article, information and
- 13 records acquired by the local child fatality review team in the exercise
- 14 of its duties under this chapter are confidential and exempt from
- 15 disclosure.
- 16 (d) Records, information, documents, and reports acquired or
- 17 produced by a local child fatality review team are not:
- 18 (1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or
- 19 (2) admissible as evidence;
- 20 in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is
- 21 otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not
- 22 immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the
- 23 information was presented during proceedings before a local child
- 24 fatality review team.
- 25 SECTION 54. IC 16-49-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
- 26 SECTION 174, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Upon request by a local child
- 28 fatality review team or the department of child services ombudsman
- 29 established by IC 4-13-19-3, the statewide child fatality review
- 30 committee shall assist a local child fatality review team or conduct a
- 31 review of the death of a child that occurred in Indiana if:
- 32 (1) the death of the child is:
- 33 (A) sudden;
- 34 (B) unexpected;
- 35 (C) unexplained; or
- 36 (D) assessed by the department of child services for alleged
- 37 abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of the child; or
- 38 (2) the coroner in the area in which the child's death occurred
- 39 determines that the cause of the death of the child is:
- 40 (A) undetermined; or
- 41 (B) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident.
- 42 (b) In conducting a child fatality review under subsection (a), the



1 statewide child fatality review committee may review all applicable  
 2 records and information related to the death of the child, including the  
 3 following:

- 4 (1) Records held by the:  
 5 (A) state department or local health department; and  
 6 (B) department of child services.  
 7 (2) Medical records.  
 8 (3) Law enforcement records.  
 9 (4) Autopsy reports.  
 10 (5) Records of the coroner.  
 11 (6) Mental health reports.  
 12 **(7) Emergency medical services and fire department run**  
 13 **reports.**

14 (c) Subject to IC 34-30-15, if the statewide child fatality review  
 15 committee requests records from a hospital, physician, coroner, law  
 16 enforcement officer, or mental health professional regarding a death  
 17 that the statewide child fatality review committee is investigating, the  
 18 hospital, physician, coroner, law enforcement officer, or mental health  
 19 professional shall provide the requested records to the statewide child  
 20 fatality review committee.

21 (d) A person who provides records in accordance with subsection  
 22 (c) in good faith is not subject to liability in:

- 23 (1) a civil;  
 24 (2) an administrative;  
 25 (3) a disciplinary; or  
 26 (4) a criminal;

27 action that might otherwise be imposed as a result of such disclosure.

28 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, information and  
 29 records acquired by the statewide child fatality review committee in the  
 30 exercise of its duties under this chapter are confidential and exempt  
 31 from disclosure.

32 (f) Records, information, documents, and reports acquired or  
 33 produced by the statewide child fatality review committee are not:

- 34 (1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or  
 35 (2) admissible as evidence;

36 in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is  
 37 otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not  
 38 immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the  
 39 information was presented during proceedings before the statewide  
 40 child fatality review committee.

41 SECTION 55. IC 16-49-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.31-2019,  
 42 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before July 1 of each year, a local  
 2 fetal-infant mortality review team shall submit a report to the state  
 3 department that includes the following information:

4 (1) A summary of the data collected concerning the reviews  
 5 conducted by the local fetal-infant mortality review team for the  
 6 previous calendar year.

7 (2) Actions recommended by the local fetal-infant mortality  
 8 review team to improve systems of care and community resources  
 9 to reduce fetal deaths and infant deaths in the area served by the  
 10 review team.

11 (3) Solutions proposed for any system inadequacies.

12 (b) The report described in subsection (a) may not contain  
 13 identifying information relating to the deaths reviewed by the local  
 14 fetal-infant mortality review team.

15 (c) Review data concerning a fetal death or an infant death is  
 16 confidential and may not be released.

17 (d) The local fetal-infant mortality review team may provide the  
 18 state department with data concerning the reviews of a death under this  
 19 chapter, **including any records held or maintained by the local**  
 20 **fetal-infant mortality review team.**

21 **(e) The state department shall maintain the confidentiality of**  
 22 **any data received under subsection (d).**

23 SECTION 56. IC 16-49.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2020,  
 24 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A SOFR team shall do the following:

26 (1) Identify similarities, trends, and factual patterns concerning  
 27 suicides and overdose fatalities in the area served by the SOFR  
 28 team.

29 (2) Identify reasons for any higher minority suicide and overdose  
 30 fatality rate in the area served by the SOFR team.

31 (3) Create strategies and make recommendations for the  
 32 prevention and reduction of suicides and overdose fatalities,  
 33 including minority suicides and overdose fatalities, in the area  
 34 served by the SOFR team.

35 (b) A SOFR team may do any of the following:

36 (1) Determine factors contributing to suicides and overdose  
 37 fatalities.

38 (2) Identify public health and clinical interventions to improve  
 39 systems of care and enhance coordination.

40 (3) Develop strategies for the prevention of suicides and overdose  
 41 fatalities.

42 **(4) Provide the state department with records held or**



1 **maintained by the SOFR team.**

2 **(c) The state department shall maintain the confidentiality of**  
3 **any data received under subsection (b).**

4 SECTION 57. IC 16-50-1-9, AS AMENDED BY THE  
5 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The statewide maternal mortality review  
8 committee, **through the state department**, shall before July 1 of each  
9 year, submit a report to the state department that includes **make**  
10 **maternal mortality information available on the state department's**  
11 **website, including** the following information:

12 (1) A summary of the data collected regarding the reviews  
13 conducted by the statewide maternal mortality review committee.

14 (2) Actions recommended by the statewide maternal mortality  
15 review committee to improve systems of care and enhance  
16 coordination to reduce maternal morbidity and maternal mortality  
17 in Indiana.

18 (3) Legislative recommendations for consideration by the general  
19 assembly.

20 (b) ~~A report released~~ **Information made available** under this  
21 section must not contain identifying information relating to the deaths  
22 reviewed by the statewide maternal mortality review committee.

23 (c) ~~The state department shall make a report prepared under this~~  
24 ~~section available to public inspection and post the report on the state~~  
25 ~~department's website.~~

26 SECTION 58. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 19. (a) **As used in this section,**  
29 **"medical school" means a postsecondary educational institution**  
30 **that:**

31 **(1) operates in Indiana; and**

32 **(2) offers a health education program leading to a graduate or**  
33 **postgraduate degree in medicine.**

34 (b) **Not later than July 1, 2030, a medical school shall do the**  
35 **following:**

36 **(1) Include nutrition education as part of the medical school's**  
37 **curriculum.**

38 **(2) Require a medical student to complete a rural health**  
39 **rotation.**

40 SECTION 59. IC 34-30-2.1-253, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,  
41 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 253. IC 16-41-43-2.3 (Concerning a statewide



1 standing order issued by the state health commissioner for dispensing  
2 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine).

3 SECTION 60. IC 34-30-2.1-254, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,  
4 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 254. IC 16-41-43-5.5 (Concerning the  
6 administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by laypersons and the  
7 dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by pharmacists).

8 SECTION 61. IC 34-30-2.1-255, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,  
9 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 255. IC 16-41-43-6 (Concerning nurses, an  
11 entity's personnel, and health care providers and the administration of  
12 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine).

13 SECTION 62. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The following are**  
14 **void:**

15 **(1) 410 IAC 1-3.**

16 **(2) 410 IAC 34.**

17 **The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and Indiana**  
18 **Register shall remove these rules from the Indiana Administrative**  
19 **Code.**

20 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

21 SECTION 63. **An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1358, 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 13, between lines 31 and 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 16-27.5-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2025, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ A home health aide competency evaluation program must:

- (1) operate in accordance with 42 CFR 484.80; and
- (2) address each topic described in section 4(a) of this chapter.

~~(b) A home health aide competency evaluation program must include at least seventy-five (75) hours of training. At least sixteen (16) hours of classroom training must occur before supervised practical training."~~

Page 14, between lines 11 and 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 22. IC 16-38-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2005, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "chronic disease" means one (1) of the following conditions:

- (1) Asthma.
- (2) Diabetes.
- (3) Congestive heart failure or coronary heart disease.
- (4) Hypertension.
- (5) Kidney disease.
- (6) Parkinson's disease.**

~~(6)~~ **(7)** A condition that the state department:

- (A) determines should be included on the registry; and
- (B) chooses to add to the registry by rule under IC 4-22-2."

Page 16, delete lines 41 through 42.

Page 17, delete lines 1 through 13.

Page 29, delete lines 30 through 35.

Page 35, after line 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 64. **An emergency is declared for this act.**"

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1358 as introduced.)

**EH 1358—LS 7050/DI 147**



Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1358, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 5, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 17. IC 16-19-3-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015, SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) The state department may establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises, and contributions.

(b) A subsidiary corporation established under this section:

(1) shall use money received under subsection (a) to carry out in any manner the purposes and programs of the state department, which may include programs intended to:

(A) reduce infant mortality;

(B) increase childhood immunizations;

(C) reduce obesity; ~~and~~

(D) reduce smoking rates; **and**

(E) **enhance health care resources and infrastructure for veterans;**

(2) shall report to the budget committee each year concerning:

(A) the use of money received under subsection (a); and

(B) the balances in any accounts or funds established by the subsidiary corporation; and

(3) may deposit money received under subsection (a) in an account or fund that is:

(A) administered by the subsidiary corporation; and

(B) not part of the state treasury.

(c) A subsidiary corporation established under this section is governed by a board of directors comprised of members appointed by the governor. Employees of the state department may serve on the board of directors.



(d) Employees of the state department shall provide administrative support for a subsidiary corporation established under this section. Employees of the state department directly involved in the subsidiary corporation established under this section may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of the subsidiary corporation.

(e) The state board of accounts shall audit a subsidiary corporation established under this section."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to HB 1358 as printed January 20, 2026.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Engrossed House Bill No. 1358, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 12.

Page 5, delete lines 30 through 42.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 23.

Page 30, line 20, delete "at reasonable times," and insert "**during business hours**,".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to EHB 1358 as printed February 6, 2026.)

MISHLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

