

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6345

BILL NUMBER: SB 91

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2026

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Syringe Exchange Program Extension.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Crider

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the expiration of the Syringe Exchange Program to July 1, 2036.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: An extension of the Syringe Exchange Program to July 1, 2036, will increase workload and associated costs for the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) beyond the current expiration date of July 1, 2026. A federal grant covers all program-related costs at the IDOH.

Additional information: As of January 2025, eight Indiana counties operated a Syringe Exchange Program. Each program must annually register and file quarterly reports with IDOH. IDOH prepares and submits an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the Syringe Exchange Program. IDOH also provides technical assistance and provides grants to locally approved programs from a federal grant. [Federal and state funds may not be used in the purchase of syringes, but may be used for staffing and harm reduction components of the programs.]

Syringe exchange programs are public health programs open to anyone in need of new injecting equipment including those with diabetes and other conditions requiring syringes. Such programs may operate only in a county or municipality under certain circumstances.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Extending the Syringe Exchange Program beyond the current expiration date of July 1, 2026, will increase workload and associated costs for local health departments participating in the program. Local health departments use local, federal, and philanthropic funding for Syringe Exchange Program expenses. Indiana code prohibits the use of state funds for the purchase of syringes or needles.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health departments.

Information Sources: Rachel Swartwood, Indiana Department of Health;
<https://www.in.gov/health/hiv-std-viral-hepatitis/harm-reduction-and-syringe-service-programs>;
<https://www.in.gov/health/hiv-std-viral-hepatitis/files/IDOH-HRP-SSP-Infographic-January-2025.pdf>.

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