

# HOUSE BILL No. 1065

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2; IC 16-46-18.

**Synopsis:** Cancer clinical trial program. Allows an organization or entity to establish and administer a cancer clinical trial participation program for the purpose of providing payments to a participant for certain costs incurred by the participant while participating in a cancer clinical trial. Sets forth program requirements and participant eligibility. Requires the Indiana department of health to: (1) develop informational materials; and (2) provide consultation to organizations and entities; concerning the program requirements.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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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 16-18-2-45.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 45.1. "Cancer clinical trial", for**  
4 **purposes of IC 16-48-18, has the meaning set forth in**  
5 **IC 16-46-18-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-268.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 268.1. "Participant", for**  
9 **purposes of IC 16-48-18, has the meaning set forth in**  
10 **IC 16-46-18-2.**

11 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-294.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
12 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 294.5. (a) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-40-4,  
14 has the meaning set forth in IC 16-40-4-3.

15 (b) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-41-7.5, has the meaning set  
16 forth in IC 16-41-7.5-2.

17 (c) **"Program", for purposes of IC 16-46-18, has the meaning set**



1 **forth in IC 16-46-18-3.**

2 (e) (d) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set  
3 forth in IC 16-47-1-3.

4 SECTION 4. IC 16-46-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
5 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2025]:

7 **Chapter 18. Cancer Clinical Trial Participation Program**

8 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "cancer clinical trial" refers to**  
9 **a research study in which an individual receives a new cancer**  
10 **treatment, including medication, chemotherapy, or adult stem cell**  
11 **therapy.**

12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "participant" refers to an**  
13 **individual who participates in a program.**

14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" means a cancer**  
15 **clinical trial participation program described in section 4 of this**  
16 **chapter.**

17 **Sec. 4. An organization or entity may establish and administer**  
18 **a program for the purpose of providing payment to a participant**  
19 **for reasonable costs incurred by a participant while participating**  
20 **in a cancer clinical trial.**

21 **Sec. 5. (a) An organization or entity that establishes and**  
22 **administers a program shall do the following:**

23 (1) **Subject to section 6 of this chapter, establish guidelines for**  
24 **financial eligibility for the program, which must be based on**  
25 **financial need.**

26 (2) **Collaborate with health care providers to notify a**  
27 **prospective participant about the program.**

28 (3) **Provide written notice to a prospective participant on the:**

29 (A) **requirements described in this section;**

30 (B) **nature and availability of financial support provided**  
31 **under the program; and**

32 (C) **program's financial eligibility guidelines.**

33 (4) **Receive and review applications for participation in the**  
34 **program.**

35 (5) **Establish a process for awarding payments.**

36 (6) **Subject to approval by the organization or entity, provide**  
37 **payment to a participant for reasonable costs incurred by the**  
38 **participant while participating in a cancer clinical trial,**  
39 **including costs for the following:**

40 (A) **Travel.**

41 (B) **Lodging.**

42 (C) **Parking and tolls.**



- 1           **(D) Other costs, as determined by the organization or**  
 2           **entity.**
- 3           **(7) Comply with all applicable state and federal laws.**
- 4           **(b) An organization or entity that establishes and administers a**  
 5           **program may, in addition to payments provided to a participant,**  
 6           **provide to one (1) individual, including a relative or friend,**  
 7           **designated by a participant payment for reasonable costs described**  
 8           **in subsection (a)(6) incurred while the individual attends a cancer**  
 9           **clinical trial to support the participant.**
- 10          **Sec. 6. An individual is eligible to participate in a program if the**  
 11          **individual:**
- 12           **(1) is an Indiana resident;**  
 13           **(2) has an income that does not exceed seven hundred percent**  
 14           **(700%) of the federal poverty level;**  
 15           **(3) resides in an underserved area, as determined by the**  
 16           **organization or entity; and**  
 17           **(4) is eligible to participate in a cancer clinical trial.**
- 18          **Sec. 7. Payment provided to a participant under this chapter is**  
 19          **not considered:**
- 20           **(1) an inducement;**  
 21           **(2) coercion; or**  
 22           **(3) the exertion of undue influence;**  
 23          **to participate in a cancer clinical trial.**
- 24          **Sec. 8. An organization or entity that operates a program may**  
 25          **accept gifts, grants, and donations from a public or private source**  
 26          **to establish and administer the program.**
- 27          **Sec. 9. The state department shall:**
- 28           **(1) develop informational materials; and**  
 29           **(2) provide consultation to an organization or entity;**  
 30          **concerning the requirements of this chapter.**

