

HOUSE BILL No. 1244

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-46-18.

Synopsis: Maternal health. Requires the Indiana department of health (department) to develop a program to award grants to certain community based programs to reduce the prevalence of maternal mortality in Indiana. Requires the department to collaborate with the statewide maternal mortality review committee in developing the program. Provides that the department shall establish workgroups to assist in developing the program. Allows the department to adopt rules to administer the program.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Summers

January 9, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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 2024 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 16-46-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]:
4 **Chapter 18. Grants to Reduce Maternal Mortality**
5 **Sec. 1. (a) The state department shall develop a program to**
6 **award grants to community based programs designed to reduce the**
7 **prevalence of maternal mortality in Indiana.**
8 **(b) In developing the grant program under subsection (a), the**
9 **state department shall collaborate with the statewide maternal**
10 **mortality review committee.**
11 **(c) The state department shall establish workgroups to assist in**
12 **the development of the grant program. The members of a**
13 **workgroup may include the following:**
14 **(1) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.**
15 **(2) The maternal mortality review coordinator.**
16 **(3) The chairperson for a suicide and overdose fatality review**
17 **team.**



- 1 **(4) Health care providers specializing in maternal care.**
- 2 **(5) Mental health counselors.**
- 3 **(6) Behavioral health specialists.**
- 4 **(7) Public health advocates who work with maternal mortality**
- 5 **prevention.**
- 6 **(8) Representatives of community based organizations**
- 7 **involved in providing education, awareness, or support**
- 8 **relating to maternal mortality.**
- 9 **(9) Any other persons the state department determines are**
- 10 **necessary.**
- 11 **(d) The state department may make grants to community based**
- 12 **programs that provide mental and behavioral health treatments**
- 13 **and support to individuals with maternal mental health conditions**
- 14 **or substance use disorders.**
- 15 **Sec. 2. The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
- 16 **to administer this chapter.**
- 17 **Sec. 3. This chapter does not prevent a community based**
- 18 **program from receiving funds from other sources to reduce**
- 19 **maternal mortality.**

