

HOUSE BILL No. 1326

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-17.2-3.5-14.5.

Synopsis: Voucher payments to child care providers. Requires the division of family resources of the office of the secretary of family and social services (division) to ensure that, to the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the method used by the division to determine the local market rate for purposes of establishing the division's reimbursement schedule for voucher payments to child care providers under the federal Child Care and Development Fund program does not result in a variation in reimbursement rates among geographic areas that does not reasonably reflect the variation in cost of living among the geographic areas.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.



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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-3.5-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.184-2017,
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 14.5. **(a)** Not later than July 1, 2017, the division
4 shall develop a provider rate reimbursement schedule that uses money
5 appropriated by the general assembly as an incentive for providers that
6 are eligible to receive voucher payments under this chapter to meet the
7 standards of quality recognized by a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to
8 QUALITY program rating.

9 **(b) To the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the division**
10 **shall ensure that the division's market survey or alternative**
11 **methodology under 45 CFR 98.45 does not result in a variation in**
12 **reimbursement rates among geographic areas that does not**
13 **reasonably reflect the variation in cost of living among the**
14 **geographic areas.**

