

HOUSE BILL No. 1462

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-294.5; IC 16-35-12.

Synopsis: Telephone assistance line for mothers. Establishes the telephone assistance line for mothers program for the purpose of providing a telephone assistance line for mothers who are experiencing behavioral health issues to connect with health care providers to obtain behavioral health resources.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Summers

January 21, 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 16-18-2-294.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2015,
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 294.5. **(a) "Program", for purposes of**
4 **IC 16-35-12, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-35-12-1.**

5 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** "Program", for purposes of IC 16-40-4, has the meaning set
6 forth in IC 16-40-4-3.

7 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** "Program", for purposes of IC 16-41-7.5, has the meaning set
8 forth in IC 16-41-7.5-2.

9 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** "Program", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set
10 forth in IC 16-47-1-3.

11 SECTION 2. IC 16-35-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2025]:

14 **Chapter 12. Telephone Assistance Line for Mothers**

15 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
16 **telephone assistance line for mothers program established under**
17 **section 2 of this chapter.**



1 **Sec. 2. (a) The state department shall establish and administer**
2 **the telephone assistance line for mothers program for the purpose**
3 **of helping mothers who are experiencing behavioral health issues**
4 **to connect with health care providers to obtain behavioral health**
5 **resources.**

6 **(b) The state department shall employ at least the following for**
7 **the program:**

8 **(1) A psychiatrist licensed under IC 25-22.5.**

9 **(2) A psychologist licensed under IC 25-33.**

10 **Sec. 3. The program must include the operation of a dedicated**
11 **telephone number Monday through Friday from at least 8 a.m.**
12 **until 5 p.m. that serves as the entry point to the program for health**
13 **care providers to be able to connect available services for a mother**
14 **with behavioral health concerns. Services must include the**
15 **following:**

16 **(1) An immediate clinical consultation over the telephone.**

17 **(2) An expedited face-to-face behavioral health consultation.**

18 **(3) Care coordination for assistance with referrals to**
19 **community behavioral health services.**

20 **Sec. 4. The state department shall provide professional**
21 **continuing education on behavioral health matters for health care**
22 **providers employed by the program.**

