

HOUSE BILL No. 1488

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-46-7.5.

Synopsis: Pediatric cancer research and treatment grant. Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program (grant program) to be administered by the rare disease advisory council (council). Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment fund. Sets forth requirements for an entity to receive a grant. Requires the council to develop criteria, policies, procedures, and a plan concerning awarding of the grants. Prioritizes use of the funds to be on innovative research and treatments with the potential of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer. Requires the council to submit an annual report to the governor and legislative council concerning the grant program and publish the report on the Indiana department of health's website.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-46-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]:
4 **Chapter 7.5. Pediatric Cancer Research and Treatment Grant**
5 **Program**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" means the rare disease**
7 **advisory council established by IC 16-46-17-2.**
8 **Sec. 2. The pediatric cancer research and treatment grant**
9 **program is established. The council shall administer the program.**
10 **Sec. 3. (a) The pediatric cancer research and treatment fund is**
11 **established for the purpose of providing matching funds for**
12 **medical research and treatment grants that focus on pediatric**
13 **cancer research.**
14 **(b) The fund consists of:**
15 **(1) money appropriated for the grant or to the fund by the**
16 **general assembly;**
17 **(2) money received from state or federal grants or programs;**



1 **and**

2 **(3) gifts, money, and donations received from any other**
 3 **source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.**

4 **(c) The council shall administer the fund. The expenses of**
 5 **administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.**

6 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 7 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 8 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
 9 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

10 **(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 11 **revert to the state general fund. Money in the fund is continuously**
 12 **appropriated.**

13 **Sec. 4. (a) The council shall do the following:**

14 **(1) Develop the application and the criteria and standards of**
 15 **eligibility for entities described in subsection (b) that apply for**
 16 **a grant under this chapter.**

17 **(2) Establish criteria for determining the grant amount to be**
 18 **awarded to an approved applicant and the terms of an**
 19 **awarded grant, including placing a priority on providing**
 20 **grants for the following:**

21 **(A) Innovative research and treatments with the potential**
 22 **of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer.**

23 **(B) Research and treatment identified by the council as**
 24 **part of the council's needs assessment under subdivision**
 25 **(6)(B) to address the state's highest needs concerning**
 26 **pediatric cancer in Indiana children.**

27 **(3) Determine policies for the expiration and renewal of a**
 28 **grant.**

29 **(4) Require that all grant funds be used for the purpose of**
 30 **research and treatment with the purpose of combating**
 31 **childhood cancer.**

32 **(5) Develop procedures in ensuring that funds provided**
 33 **through a grant are expended for the stated purpose.**

34 **(6) Develop a written plan to assist in making determinations**
 35 **concerning grants under this chapter that does the following:**

36 **(A) Identifies existing pediatric cancer research, treatment,**
 37 **and funding programs for pediatric cancer in Indiana and**
 38 **those that provide assistance to children in Indiana**
 39 **diagnosed with cancer.**

40 **(B) Includes a needs assessment for pediatric cancer**
 41 **patients of Indiana identifying additional research funding**
 42 **needs by cancer type and geographic area, with**



- 1 documentation of any determination that support is
 2 needed.
- 3 (C) Includes a prioritized list of programs and research
 4 projects eligible for assistance under this chapter.
- 5 (7) Adopt administrative rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary for
 6 the administration of this chapter.
- 7 (b) The council may only award a grant under this chapter to
 8 any of the following entities that specialize in performing research
 9 and treatment in Indiana concerning pediatric cancer for Indiana
 10 children:
- 11 (1) An Indiana institution of higher education.
- 12 (2) An Indiana academic medical center or medical research
 13 hospital.
- 14 (3) An Indiana nonprofit entity.
- 15 (4) An Indiana governmental entity.
- 16 Sec. 5. (a) Before February 1 of each year, the council shall
 17 submit a written report to the governor and to the legislative
 18 council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that includes the
 19 following:
- 20 (1) The plan developed under section 4(a)(6) of this chapter.
- 21 (2) The council's determination about the expenditure of
 22 funds under this chapter for the previous calendar year and
 23 the impact of the use of the funds.
- 24 (3) The council's plans for expenditures of funds under this
 25 chapter in the current and subsequent calendar year.
- 26 (4) Any recommendations for future initiatives or actions to
 27 address pediatric cancer in Indiana.
- 28 (b) The council shall publish the written report required by
 29 subsection (a) on the state department's website.

