

SENATE BILL No. 119

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-31-2-7.1.

Synopsis: Air ambulance service standards. Requires the Indiana emergency medical services commission with the assistance of the state department of health to develop statewide standards for activation and use of air medical services for transport of patients from the emergency scene to a trauma center. Requires that the standards must be updated at least every three years.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-31-2-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 7.1. (a) Not later than July 1, 2018, the**
4 **commission shall:**

- 5 (1) **evaluate the use in Indiana of air ambulance services on**
6 **patient outcomes; and**
- 7 (2) **develop, adopt, and implement statewide standards for the**
8 **activation and use of air ambulance services;**

9 **not including air ambulance services used for transferring patients**
10 **between health facilities. In performing its duties under this**
11 **section, the commission shall reevaluate Indiana's adopted triage**
12 **and transportation protocols for the transportation of trauma**
13 **patients. The division of trauma and injury prevention of the state**
14 **department of health shall assist the commission.**

15 (b) **The goal of the standards for activation and use of air**
16 **ambulance services developed by the commission must be to:**

- 17 (1) **prevent the overuse of air ambulance services for**



1 **emergency scene response and patient transport;**
2 **(2) provide consistent and appropriate criteria for emergency**
3 **medical responders to use when determining whether to:**
4 **(A) request an emergency scene response by an air**
5 **ambulance provider; and**
6 **(B) transport patients by air or by ground transport from**
7 **the emergency scene to appropriate hospitals or trauma**
8 **centers; and**
9 **(3) provide appropriate, quality prehospital or pretrauma**
10 **center patient care.**
11 **(c) The commission shall review and update the standards at**
12 **least once every three (3) years.**
13 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

