PROPOSED AMENDMENT
HB 1182 # 11

DIGEST

Syringe exchange programs. Requires a syringe exchange program to: (1) provide testing for communicable diseases and provide services or a referral for services if the individual tests positive; and (2) establish a referral process for program participants in need of information or education concerning communicable diseases or health care. Requires the state department of health to include certain information concerning syringe exchange programs in the report to the general assembly before November 1, 2020. Extends the expiration date for certain syringe exchange programs from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022.

Page 15, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 25. IC 16-41-7.5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2017, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. A qualified entity that operates a program under this chapter must do the following:

(1) Annually register the program in a manner prescribed by the state department with the:

(A) state department; and

(B) local health department in the county or municipality where services will be provided by the qualified entity if the qualified entity is not the local health department.

(2) Have one (1) of the following licensed in Indiana provide oversight to the qualified entity's programs:

(A) A physician.

(B) A registered nurse.

(C) A physician assistant.

(3) Store and dispose of all syringes and needles collected in a safe and legal manner.

(4) Provide education and training on drug overdose response and treatment, including the administration of an overdose intervention drug.

(5) Provide drug addiction treatment information and referrals to drug treatment programs, including programs in the local area and programs that offer medication assisted treatment that includes a
federal Food and Drug Administration approved long acting, nonaddictive medication for the treatment of opioid or alcohol dependence.

(6) Provide syringe and needle distribution and collection without collecting or recording personally identifiable information.

(7) Operate in a manner consistent with public health and safety.

(8) Ensure the program is medically appropriate and part of a comprehensive public health response.

(9) Keep sufficient quantities of an overdose intervention drug (as defined in IC 16-18-2-263.9) in stock and to administer in accordance with IC 16-42-27.

(10) Provide testing for communicable diseases, and if an individual tests positive for a communicable disease, provide health care services or a referral to a health care provider for the services.

(11) Establish a referral process for program participants in need of:

(A) information or education concerning communicable diseases; or

(B) health care.

SECTION 26. IC 16-41-7.5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 12. (a) Before November 1 of each year, the state department shall submit a report concerning syringe exchange programs operated under this chapter to the governor and to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) Before November 1, 2020, as part of the report to the general assembly required under subsection (a), the state department shall ensure the report includes the following additional information concerning the program:

(1) The number of programs operating in Indiana.

(2) The data, compiled for each program, reported to the state department under section 10 of this chapter.

(3) Any other information the state department deems relevant to the general assembly in assessing the effectiveness of having a program in the state.

SECTION 27. IC 16-41-7.5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 14. This chapter expires July 1, 2021. 2022."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1182 as reprinted January 28, 2020.)