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Chapter 6. Interagency State Council on Black and Minority Health

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Council

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the interagency state council on black and minority health.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Minority

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "minority" means an individual identified as any of the following:

- (1) Black or African-American.
- (2) Hispanic or Latino.
- (3) Asian.
- (4) American Indian.
- (5) Alaska Native.
- (6) Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.194-1995, SEC.1; P.L.242-2003, SEC.1.

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Establishment

Sec. 3. The state department shall establish the interagency state council on black and minority health.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Membership

Sec. 4. (a) The council consists of the following twenty-one (21) members:

- (1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives from different political parties appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (2) Two (2) members of the senate from different political parties appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- (3) The governor or the governor's designee.
- (4) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee.
- (5) The director of the division of family resources or the director's designee.
- (6) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning or the director's designee.
- (7) The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.
- (8) The commissioner of the department of correction or the commissioner's designee.
- (9) One (1) representative of a local health department

appointed by the governor.

(10) One (1) representative of a public health care facility appointed by the governor.

(11) One (1) psychologist appointed by the governor who:

(A) is licensed to practice psychology in Indiana; and

(B) has knowledge and experience in the special health needs of minorities.

(12) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana State Medical Association.

(13) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the National Medical Association.

(14) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana Hospital and Health Association.

(15) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Cancer Society.

(16) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Heart Association.

(17) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Diabetes Association.

(18) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Black Nurses Association.

(19) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition.

(b) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the members of the council must be minorities.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.249; P.L.5-1993, SEC.262; P.L.194-1995, SEC.2; P.L.215-2001, SEC.89; P.L.242-2003, SEC.2; P.L.2-2005, SEC.59; P.L.145-2006, SEC.147.

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Appointments

Sec. 5. All appointments to the council are for two (2) years. A member may be reappointed to the commission for succeeding terms.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Chairman

Sec. 6. The council shall select a chairman from the membership annually.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Vacancy appointments

Sec. 7. Appointments to fill a vacancy are for the remainder of an unexpired term and are made by the authority who made the original appointment.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Staff

Sec. 8. The state department and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc. shall provide staff for the council.
As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.242-2003, SEC.3.

IC 16-46-6-9**Meetings**

Sec. 9. The council shall hold at least four (4) meetings annually.
As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

IC 16-46-6-10**Duties**

Sec. 10. The council shall do the following:

- (1) Identify and study the special health care needs and health problems of minorities.
- (2) Examine the factors and conditions that affect the health of minorities.
- (3) Examine the health care services available to minorities in the public and private sector and determine the extent to which these services meet the needs of minorities.
- (4) Study the state and federal laws concerning the health needs of minorities.
- (5) Examine the coordination of services to minorities and recommend improvements in the delivery of services.
- (6) Examine funding sources for minority health care.
- (7) Examine and recommend preventive measures concerning the leading causes of death or injury among minorities, including the following:
 - (A) Heart disease.
 - (B) Stroke.
 - (C) Cancer.
 - (D) Intentional injuries.
 - (E) Accidental death and injury.
 - (F) Cirrhosis.
 - (G) Diabetes.
 - (H) Infant mortality.
 - (I) HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
 - (J) Mental Health.
 - (K) Substance Abuse.
- (8) Examine the impact of the following on minorities:
 - (A) Adolescent pregnancy.
 - (B) Sexually transmitted and other communicable diseases.
 - (C) Lead poisoning.
 - (D) Long term disability and aging.
 - (E) Sickle cell anemia.
- (9) Monitor the Indiana minority health initiative and other public policies that affect the health status of minorities.
- (10) Develop and implement a comprehensive plan and time line to address health disparities and health issues of minority populations in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.194-1995, SEC.3; P.L.242-2003, SEC.4.

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Annual reports

Sec. 11. The council shall submit a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly before November 1 of each year. The report must include the following:

- (1) The findings and conclusions of the council.
- (2) Recommendations of the council.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.28-2004, SEC.142.

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Violations

Sec. 12. (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person who recklessly violates or fails to comply with this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.

- (b) Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.29.

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Per diem compensation and traveling expenses

Sec. 13. (a) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The council member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the council who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Expenses incurred under this section must be paid out of the funds appropriated to the state department.

As added by P.L.152-1997, SEC.1.