

IC 15-12-4
Chapter 4. Mediation Program

IC 15-12-4-1
"Director"; "remediation program"

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

- (1) "Director" refers to the director of the Indiana state department of agriculture or the director's designee.
- (2) "Remediation program" refers to the program established under section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.120-2008, SEC.35.

IC 15-12-4-2
Establishment of program

Sec. 2. The director may establish a program under 7 U.S.C. 6991 et seq. (the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994) to provide procedures for mediating adverse decisions by agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3.

IC 15-12-4-3
Certification

Sec. 3. The remediation program may be certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3.

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Financial assistance

Sec. 4. The director may apply to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture for financial assistance for the operation and administration of the remediation program.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3.

IC 15-12-4-5
Rules

Sec. 5. The director may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are necessary to administer the remediation program.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3.

IC 15-12-4-6
Mediator approval

Sec. 6. (a) The director must approve each mediator who serves in the remediation program.

(b) Before a mediator may be approved, the director shall provide adequate training to the mediator to ensure that the mediator:

- (1) has a reasonable expertise in agriculture, including a basic understanding of federal and state agricultural programs; and
- (2) is not biased, prejudiced, or personally interested in the outcome of a proceeding.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.3.