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## SENATE BILL No. 381

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DIGEST OF SB 381 (Updated February 4, 2015 11:24 am - DI 104)

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-12.7.

**Synopsis:** Visually impaired preschool services. Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services to contract with an entity to provide vision assessments and early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities who are in need of vision services. Makes an annual appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.  
January 22, 2015, reassigned to Committee on Health & Provider Services.  
February 5, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-12.7-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.93-2006,  
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "early intervention  
4 services" means developmental services that meet the following  
5 conditions:  
6 (1) Are provided under public supervision.  
7 (2) Are designed to meet the developmental needs of infants and  
8 toddlers with disabilities in at least one (1) of the areas specified  
9 in section 4(a)(1) of this chapter.  
10 (3) Meet all required state and federal standards.  
11 (4) Are provided by qualified personnel, including the following:  
12 (A) Early childhood special educators, early childhood  
13 educators, and special educators.  
14 (B) Speech and language pathologists and audiologists.  
15 (C) Occupational therapists.  
16 (D) Physical therapists.

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- 1 (E) Psychologists.  
 2 (F) Social workers.  
 3 (G) Nurses.  
 4 (H) Nutritionists.  
 5 (I) Family therapists.  
 6 (J) Orientation and mobility specialists.  
 7 (K) Pediatricians and other physicians.  
 8 **(L) Individuals providing services under section 21 of this**  
 9 **chapter.**  
 10 (5) To the maximum extent appropriate, are provided in natural  
 11 environments, including the home and community settings in  
 12 which children without disabilities participate.  
 13 (6) Are provided in conformity with an individualized family  
 14 service plan adopted in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435.  
 15 (b) The term includes the following services:  
 16 (1) Family training, counseling, and home visits.  
 17 (2) Special instruction.  
 18 (3) Speech and language pathology, audiology, and sign language  
 19 and cued language services.  
 20 (4) Occupational therapy.  
 21 (5) Physical therapy.  
 22 (6) Psychological services.  
 23 (7) Service coordination services.  
 24 (8) Medical services only for diagnostic, evaluation, or  
 25 consultation purposes.  
 26 (9) Early identification, screening, and assessment services.  
 27 (10) Other health services necessary for an infant or a toddler to  
 28 benefit from the services.  
 29 (11) Vision services.  
 30 (12) Supportive technology services.  
 31 (13) Transportation and related costs that are necessary to enable  
 32 an infant or a toddler and the infant's or toddler's family to receive  
 33 early intervention services.  
 34 SECTION 2. IC 12-12.7-2-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 35 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 21. (a) The division shall contract**  
 37 **with an entity to provide vision assessments and early intervention**  
 38 **services to infants and toddlers with disabilities who are in need of**  
 39 **vision services under this chapter.**  
 40 **(b) The contract under subsection (a) must provide payment**  
 41 **from money appropriated under section 22 of this chapter to the**  
 42 **contracted entity for:**



- 1           **(1) visual impairment services;**
- 2           **(2) training; and**
- 3           **(3) administrative costs.**

4           SECTION 3. IC 12-12.7-2-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22. There is annually**  
7 **appropriated from the state general fund to the division five**  
8 **hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to carry out the purposes of**  
9 **section 21 of this chapter.**



Report of the President  
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that SB 381, currently assigned to the Committee on Education & Career Development, be reassigned to the Committee on Health & Provider Services.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 381, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 36, delete "enter" and insert "**contract with an entity to provide vision**".

Page 2, delete lines 37 through 38.

Page 2, line 42, delete "agreement" and insert "**contract**".

Page 3, line 2, delete "Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Incorporated" and insert "**the contracted entity**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 381 as introduced.)

MILLER PATRICIA, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

