

# SENATE BILL No. 8

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Study of hospital markets and health care costs. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee for study during the 2019 interim of the general assembly the topic of the growth of the hospital market in Indiana and the impact on health care costs. Requires the interim study committee to report and make any recommendations to the legislative council not later than November 2019.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The legislative**
- 2 **council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study**
- 3 **committee, for study during the 2019 interim of the general**
- 4 **assembly, the topic of the growth of the hospital market in Indiana**
- 5 **and the impact of growth on health care costs.**
- 6 (b) **If the legislative council assigns the topic under subsection**
- 7 **(a), the study must include consideration of the following:**
- 8 (1) **The effect of hospital consolidation on health care costs.**
- 9 (2) **The effect of rural hospital closings on health care costs**
- 10 **and access to impacted communities.**
- 11 (3) **The effect of clustering of new hospitals in urban markets**
- 12 **with sufficient existing hospital capacity, including the effect**
- 13 **on health care costs.**
- 14 (4) **The impact on surrounding neighborhoods created by new**
- 15 **level I trauma center hospitals, including the following:**
- 16 (A) **Potential economic loss to home values.**
- 17 (B) **Traffic congestion.**
- 18 (C) **Safety with respect to emergency vehicles and traffic.**



- 1           **(D) Sound impact with helicopter access.**
- 2           **(5) Research with respect to:**
- 3           **(A) national standards for sustainable hospital capacity;**
- 4           **(B) hospital capacity clustered in neighboring ZIP codes;**
- 5           **(C) hospital overcapacity;**
- 6           **(D) current trends in health care delivery; and**
- 7           **(E) the long term effect of the items in clauses (A) through**
- 8           **(D) on health care costs.**
- 9           **(c) If the legislative council makes the assignment described in**
- 10          **subsection (a), the interim study committee shall, not later than**
- 11          **November 1, 2019, report the results of the study and any**
- 12          **recommendations for legislation to the legislative council in an**
- 13          **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 14          **(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2020.**
- 15          **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

