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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6585
BILL NUMBER: SB 207

DATE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2000
BILL AMENDED: Jan 13, 2000

SUBJECT: Township administration.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the secretary of the township legislative body to: (1) provide copies of the legislative body's meeting minutes to each legislative body member; and (2) place the minutes in the permanent record book after the minutes are approved by the legislative body.

This bill specifies that a township representative attending a meeting, conference, or other similar activity sponsored by an association in which the township has membership shall be allowed reimbursement for all necessary and legitimate expenses incurred. It requires expenses to be paid in accordance with the township's reimbursement policy which may include an established per diem rate, as recommended by the township trustee and adopted by the township legislative body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There will be a minimal increase in copy expenses to provide the township legislative body with a copy of the meeting minutes. The cost can be incurred within the township's existing budget.

This bill clarifies the reimbursement policy for a township representative attending a specific meeting or activity. There could be an increase in expenditures for a township under the provisions of this bill. The fiscal impact is indeterminable and dependent on a township's current reimbursement policy. There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. The fiscal impact will vary among townships.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Townships.

Information Sources: Steve Buschmann, Representing Indiana Township Association, (317) 636-5511.