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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7736

BILL NUMBER: HB 2070

DATE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Processing Fee for Jail Inmates.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates a \$15 jail processing fee. It requires the clerk to collect the fee if a person is arrested and booked into a county jail and subsequently convicted of a criminal offense. It provides that the fee must be distributed to the county sheriff who shall apply the collected fees to the operating costs of the county jail.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: County sheriffs would experience an increase in revenues from county and local user fee funds in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Total revenue to all 92 counties as a result of this bill is estimated to range from \$1.8 M to \$2.2 M, based on a range of 119,488 to 145,643 criminal felony and misdemeanor convictions for 1999. The specific effects would vary by county and would depend upon how many inmates are arrested and booked into each county or local jail and convicted of a criminal offense.

Under current Indiana law, counties collect various court costs ranging from document fees to deferred prosecution fees. County courts would be able to collect a \$15 jail processing fee in accordance with this bill. (The additional fees would be deposited into county and local user fee funds for later distribution by the county auditor or city/town fiscal officer to county sheriffs for county jail operating costs.)

Background: County and local user fee funds include monies from the following fees: 1) pretrial diversion

programs; 2) alcohol and drug services programs; 3) deferral programs; 4) informal adjustment programs; 5) marijuana eradication programs; 6) jury fees; and 7) law enforcement continuing education.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Courts, Auditors, and Sheriffs; Cities and Towns.

Information Sources: 1999 Indiana Judicial Service Report.