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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6676
BILL NUMBER: SB 458

DATE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2001
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Volunteer Advocates Pilot Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		650,000	650,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(650,000)	(650,000)

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services to choose nine counties to develop a pilot program to recruit and train volunteers to serve as advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities who are involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the Indiana criminal justice system as suspects or defendants or who are otherwise endangered and have no parent or legal guardian. The bill requires the Office to contract with a private individual or organization to provide training to the counties chosen to participate. The bill also appropriates \$650,000 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, and \$650,000 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, to implement the program. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill appropriates \$650,000 annually to the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to provide funds to conduct training and implement a volunteer advocate program in nine counties. The bill specifies local agencies that must participate in the establishment of the program.

Training costs have not been identified at this time. This note will be updated as more information becomes

available.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitation.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Local Courts.

Information Sources: