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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7335**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 476**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2001**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT: Jury Trial Fee.**

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:      GENERAL  
                                 DEDICATED  
                                 FEDERAL**

**IMPACT: Local**

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes a jury fee of \$25 payable in civil actions when a jury is empaneled. The bill also provides for distribution of the jury fee to the community transition fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Information on the number of juries which are impaneled is not available from the Indiana Judicial Services Report. The closest information that is available is the number of trials disposed by jury. The number of jury trial dispositions is likely to slightly understate the number of empaneled juries that have occurred during 1999.

Based on this information, this fee could generate an estimated \$53,738 in new revenue to local user fee funds based on the 52,598 cases disposed by jury trials in CY 1999. The counties with the largest number of jury trials were Marion, Allen, and Lake. Each disposed of more than 100 court decisions by jury trial. The following shows the distribution of jury trials by selected frequencies in CY 1999.

Under this bill, the proceeds collected from this fee would be deposited in the county user fee fund and transferred to the community transition fund for the county. The community transition fund finances the community transition program which is an early release program created by the General Assembly in 1999. The purpose of the program is to provide services that improve an offender's chances of making a successful transition from commitment to employment and participation in the community without the commission of

further crimes (IC 11-12-10-2).

<u>Number of Jury Trials in 1999</u>	<u>Counties</u>
Less than 5	26
Between 6 and 10	27
Between 11 and 25	21
Between 26 and 50	10
Between 51 and 100	5
<u>Greater than 101</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Number of Counties	<u>92</u>

This fiscal note will be updated when additional information becomes available concerning the number of offenders released into community transition programs in each county.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Clerks of the circuit court.

**Information Sources:** 1999 Indiana Judicial Services Report.