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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6316
BILL NUMBER: HB 1302

DATE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2001
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County Police Officer Suspensions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill reduces the maximum period from 15 days to five days that a sheriff may temporarily suspend a county police officer with or without pay without a hearing before the sheriff's merit board.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Indiana's 92 county sheriff departments could experience reductions in salary savings for officers suspended without pay. The specific effects of this bill would vary by department and would depend upon local action.

Background: Under current law, the fiscal body of each county is required to establish (by ordinance) a sheriff's merit board. Merit boards consist of five members, three of whom are appointed by the county sheriff, and two are elected by a majority vote of the county police force.

Appointments last for four years or for the remainder of an unexpired term. Not more than two members appointed by the county sheriff, nor more than one of the members elected by majority vote can be of the same political party. Merit boards are required to hold regular monthly meetings.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Sheriffs.

Information Sources: IC 36-8-10-3.