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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6165**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 139**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 30, 2002  
**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 29, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Birth Defects Registry.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the State Department of Health to: (1) inform parents of children with birth problems about physicians and local community resources; and (2) report to the Legislative Council any birth problem trends identified through data collected. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Health Finance Commission.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to inform parents of children with birth problems about physicians and community resources including the local Step Ahead Agencies and the First Steps Program. The bill further requires the DOH to report any birth problem trends that are identified by the data collected to the Legislative Council. DOH believes these requirements can be accomplished within the current level of appropriations.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Background:* Currently, the Birth Problems Registry is totally funded by the fee revenue of \$2 collected for each birth certificate search. The Department collected \$66,700 in fees in FY 2001. The Department has also applied for grant funding for expansion of the Birth Problems Registry from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The three-year grant is anticipated not to exceed \$200,000 annually if the state is awarded the grant.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County-owned hospitals.

**Information Sources:** Marilyn Cage, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Health, (317) 233-2170; PL93-2001, Fiscal Note; First Steps Rules at 470 IAC 3.1-6-1; Statement of David Weaver, M.D., *Birth Defects Surveillance in Indiana*, Testimony to the Health Finance Commission on September 26, 2001; *2000 Annual Performance Report of Indiana's Early Intervention System for Infants, Toddlers and Their Families*, Family and Social Services Administration; First Steps Web Page [http://www.state.in.us/fssa/first\\_step/](http://www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/)