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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6897

BILL NUMBER: SB 323

DATE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Registration of Media Entities That Lobby.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes the exemption from the lobbyist registration statute for a media entity that engages in lobbying activities.

It also exempts media subscriptions from the reporting requirements of the statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could have an administrative impact on the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission (ILRC) in so far as it could expand the number of individuals and entities that come under the Commission's authority. Any increase in the administrative costs of the ILRC is expected to be covered using existing staff and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: The removal of the exemption for media entities from the lobbyist registration statute could require additional individuals and entities to register with the ILRC. The ILRC's annual registration fee for lobbyists is \$100. If the lobbyist is employed by a nonprofit organization, the fee is \$50. The number of media entities that would be required to register with the Commission is unknown.

In FY 2001, the Commission collected approximately \$148,000 in registration fees and fines. Fees and fines collected by the ILRC are deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Lobby Registration Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Auditor's Trial Balance.