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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6256

BILL NUMBER: HB 1246

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 19, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Alcohol Offenses Involving Minors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill changes the defenses allowed to a permit holder who is charged with unlawfully furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor and makes it a Class B misdemeanor (instead of a Class C misdemeanor) for a person to recklessly sell, barter, exchange, provide, or furnish an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill would increase the penalty for recklessly selling, bartering, exchanging, providing, or furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor. Revenue to the Common School Fund may increase if a person is sentenced for a Class B misdemeanor rather than for a Class C misdemeanor. The maximum fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$500, while the maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Costs to local governments could increase because the maximum term of imprisonment for a Class C misdemeanor is up to 60 days, while the maximum term for a Class B misdemeanor is up to 180 days. The average daily cost of housing a prisoner is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs Association.

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