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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6555**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1726

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 11, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Detention of Minors Violating Alcohol Laws.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Leonard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a child alleged to be a delinquent child for violating the laws concerning minors and alcoholic beverages may be placed in a juvenile detention facility for up to 48 hours. It requires the parent or guardian of the child to reimburse the county for expenses related to the placement of the child in a juvenile detention facility.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Under current law, a child alleged to be delinquent for violating the laws concerning minors and alcoholic beverages is prohibited from being held in a secure facility. Under the bill, the prohibition is removed, and the parent or guardian would be responsible for the cost incurred by a county for holding a delinquent children in a juvenile detention facility. To the extent that a parent or guardian is unable to pay, county costs for detention of these delinquent children would increase. The per diem costs for juvenile detention facilities range from \$57 to \$160 per day.

Juvenile detention facilities are secure facilities used only for the lawful custody and treatment of juveniles. These facilities must meet state standards and licensing requirements under 210 IAC 6. Juvenile detention facilities generally keep juveniles separate from adult offenders so no haphazard or accidental contact occurs between juvenile and adult offenders at any time.

According to a July 2001 Department of Correction report, 21 counties have juvenile detention centers and statewide there are 953 secure juvenile detention center beds. The centers are in the following counties: Allen, Bartholomew, Clark, Dearborn, Delaware, Elkhart, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Knox, Vigo, and Vanderburgh. The centers are operated by counties which pay the costs associated with centers from county general funds.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County detention centers.

**Information Sources:** IC 31-31-8-2; Planning Division, Department of Correction.

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