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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6424

BILL NUMBER: SB 100

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2004

SUBJECT: Native American Indian Affairs Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Pelath

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Native American Indian Affairs Commission. The bill authorizes the Commission to recommend final disposition of Native American human remains that have been removed from a burial site. The bill requires the Commission to study problems common to Native American Indians in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing. It authorizes the Commission to make certain recommendations. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: June 1, 2004; July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Commission will consist of 15 voting members and 2 nonvoting members. The voting members are as follows:

- 6 Native Americans, each from a different geographic region of Indiana.
- 2 Native Americans who have knowledge in Native American traditions and spiritual issues.
- Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or designee.
- Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education, or designee.
- Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or designee.
- Secretary of the Office of Family Social Services, or designee.
- Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or designee.
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee.
- Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development, or designee.

The Commission also has 2 nonvoting members:

- One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker.
- One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore.

The Department of Workforce Development will provide staff and administrative support for the Commission. Commission expenses would be paid from appropriations to the Department of Workforce Development.

If a Native American burial ground is discovered, the DNR must immediately notify the Commission. If Native American human remains are removed from a burial ground, the DNR must provide to the Commission any written findings that result from the study of the remains and written notice that the analysis is complete. The Commission will recommend to the DNR final disposition of the remains. The Department should be able to absorb any additional administrative expenses resulting from these provisions given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Workforce Development; Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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