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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7611**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1241

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 3, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** DNA Samples from Felons.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Harris T

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a person convicted of: (1) a felony; (2) conspiracy to commit a felony; or (3) attempt to commit a felony; to submit a DNA sample to the Department of Correction (DOC) or a sheriff.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* This bill is estimated to increase the costs to the Indiana State Police by \$1.3 M in FY 2006 and by \$918,000 in each subsequent fiscal year.

Under current law, offenders who have been convicted for felonies against a person and burglary are required by law to provide DNA material for the Indiana DNA Database. This bill would add the following offenders to this list:

- any adult convicted of committing, attempting, or conspiring to commit a felony, whether or not that person has been committed to a DOC facility, and
- any adult offender convicted of committing, conspiring, or attempting to commit a felony who is currently being held in jail or prison on or after July 1, 2005.

**Samples To Be Analyzed:** The potential number of new DNA specimens could be as many as 30,400 adult offenders who are already in DOC or on probation and not yet typed and 26,240 adult offenders who would enter the system during each year. This estimate does not include felony offenders who are directly committed to a community correction program under IC 35-38-2.6.

The following shows the breakdown by offense:

<b>Offender:</b>	<b>Estimated Offenders Already in System To Be Typed:</b>	<b>Estimated New Offenders Committed Each Year To Be Typed:</b>
All Felons Committed to DOC	21,893 *	16,111 **
less: Felons Committed to DOC for Crimes under IC 35-42	8,625 *	2,719 **
less: Felons Committed to DOC for Burglary	<u>2,392</u> *	<u>1,396</u> **
Felony Offenders Sentenced to Prison and Not Currently Typed	10,876	11,996
Felony Offenders Sentenced to Probation		<u>14,247</u> ***
Total New Samples	<u>10,876</u>	<u>26,243</u>
* Felons in DOC facilities on Dec. 16, 2004 ** Felons Committed to DOC in FY 2004 *** Source: 2003 Indiana Probation Report		

The DNA Identification Process: The general process for typing DNA samples involves the following steps:

1. All DNA samples taken by trained staff are blood samples. Blood samples in three county jails under the current pilot project funded by a federal grant are taken by medical personnel.
2. Samples are personally delivered to the State Police Laboratory by DOC personnel. Once received, the blood is put on several stain cards, dried, numbered, put in envelopes, and logged. The companion sample is then sent to an accredited vendor. All of this work is completed by the analysts.
3. When the accredited vendor returns the sample and the analytical results, the analysts cross-check the sample with instrument readings against the sample held in the lab and enter the results in the DNA database.
4. When the analysts find a match between DNA at a crime scene and a sample in the DNA repository, the analysts take the lab sample and do the typing themselves to ensure the sample is a match. The more samples that are in the system will result in more matches and an increased workload for these analysts.

Estimated Cost: The Indiana State Police indicate that these added specimens would cost \$35 each for a certified commercial laboratory to analyze. The added costs are shown in the following table.

<b>Added Costs For the Indiana State Police For Typing Additional DNA Samples:</b>			
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>
Offenders in System	10,876	0	0
New Offenders	+ <u>26,243</u>	+ <u>26,243</u>	+ <u>26,243</u>
Offenders to be typed	37,119	26,243	26,243
Cost Per Test	x <u>\$35</u>	x <u>\$35</u>	x <u>\$35</u>
Annual Cost	<u><u>\$1,299,165</u></u>	<u><u>\$918,505</u></u>	<u><u>\$918,505</u></u>

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Probation departments would incur added expenses to secure blood samples from offenders on probation. These added costs could require the use of county health department staff or other phlebotomists.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Police; Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** Department of Correction; Steve Hillman, Indiana State Police.

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