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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6474
BILL NUMBER: SB 337

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 28, 2004
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Howard Superior Court.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hershman
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		70,026	140,052
Net Increase (Decrease)		(70,026)	(140,052)

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds an additional judge to the Howard Superior Court. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Courts. Howard County is ranked first by severity of need in the 2003 Weighted Caseload Statistical Report.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This new court would begin operation on January 1, 2006. The estimated costs for a 12-month period are listed in the following table. (The expenditures for FY 2006 listed in the STATE IMPACT table, above, reflect 6 months of expenditures because the starting date of the new court begins in the middle of the fiscal year.)

Salary	Specified in statute	\$90,000
Life Insurance	0.36% of Salary	\$324
Health, Dental, and Vision	Blended rate (estimated by the State Budget Agency)	\$8,291
Social Security	7.65% of salary	\$6,885
Disability Insurance	2.28% of salary (estimated by State Budget Agency)	\$2,052
Judges Retirement Fund	35% of Salary	\$31,500
Judicial Center	Includes materials and postage, but not possible staffing	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Cost for New Court:		<u>\$140,052</u>

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Howard County may need to hire additional support staff and find space for this new court.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Judicial Center, Division of State Court Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Howard County Courts.

Information Sources: State Budget Agency.

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