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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7291**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1237

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 25, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Motor Vehicle Restraint Systems.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Welch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires occupants of motor vehicles to wear safety belts, with certain exceptions.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill has indeterminate fiscal impact on federal grants received for safety belt usage. Ultimately, any changes to the federal grants received by the state would be based on the determinations of the federal officials in charge of state grant programs.

*Background:* The state receives a federal grant conditioned on the state adopting and implementing effective programs to reduce highway deaths and injuries resulting from individuals riding unrestrained or improperly restrained in motor vehicles. The grant has six criteria of which a state must meet four to qualify for the grant. The criteria include:

1. A law requiring safety belt use by passengers in all seating positions.
2. A primary enforcement safety belt law.
3. Minimum fines or points for violations of safety belt and child restraint laws.
4. A statewide special enforcement program for occupant protection.
5. A statewide child passenger protection education program.
6. A child passenger protection law.

Under the grant, Indiana received \$756,459 in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2004, \$725, 265 in FFY 2005, and \$683,287 in FFY 2006. The state may receive grants for up to six years and receives a declining federal match across the years.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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