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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6823**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1457

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 13, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Birth Problems Registry.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Klinker

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. C. Lawson

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill continues the Birth Problems Registry by repealing a provision that abolishes the Registry as of July 1, 2007.

The bill establishes the Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission to develop a plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Interim Study Committee on Children's Issues.)

**Effective Date:** June 30, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would continue the legislative authorization for the Birth Problems Registry, which otherwise would expire on June 30, 2007. The Registry records reports of all birth problems diagnosed before the age of three years in a child residing in Indiana. The reporting requirement is extended to the child's fifth birthday if the diagnosis is for a pervasive developmental disorder or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. The Registry is funded by the Birth Problems Registry Fee (See *Explanation of State Revenues*). Registry expenditures for the last three years are shown below.

FY 2004	\$ 27,580
FY 2005	\$ 22,700
FY 2006	\$ 101,193 *
*Includes a \$75,000 Information Processing Consultant contract.	

The salary and fringe benefits of one Secretary-4 position at an annual salary of \$19,520 constitute the main operating expenditure of the Registry.

(Revised) *Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission*: The bill establishes the 15- member, Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission. The Indiana State Department of Health is required to provide staff and administrative support for the Commission and the Commissioner of the Department is to convene the first meeting of the Commission. The bill specifies that members of the Commission are not entitled to receive a salary per diem or travel expenses. The Commission is to submit an interim report no later than August 15, 2008 to the Legislative Council and the Governor. The final report of the Commission is due August 15, 2009. The State Department of Health should be capable of providing administrative support for the Commission within the current level of resources available.

*Appropriation Background*: The ISDH administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The funding source of the FY 2008 and FY 2009 ISDH administrative appropriations will be determined by the General Assembly.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** IC 16-37-1-11.5 provides for a Birth Problems Registry fee of \$2 for each search of the vital statistics records for a birth certificate. The fees are deposited in the dedicated, nonreverting Birth Problems Registry Fund. (This bill would prevent the elimination of the Fund.) Revenue in the Fund is available for the administration of the Registry. Birth Problems Registry Fund revenue for three years is shown below.

FY 2004	\$ 67,789
FY 2005	\$ 93,709
FY 2006	\$106,668

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, Indiana Legislative Services Agency, Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis, FY 2006. Auditor's Data, Object Trial Balance as of June 30, 2006, as of June 30, 2005, and as of June 30, 2004.

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