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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6319**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 20**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2007**

**BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Child Seduction.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Delph

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Van Haften

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill makes it child seduction, a Class D felony, for a person: (1) who is at least 18 years of age; (2) who is a member of the armed forces of the United States, or the Indiana National Guard; and (3) who is attempting to enlist a child at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age in the armed forces or Indiana National Guard; to engage with the child in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, or any fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the adult.

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) There are no data available to indicate how many more people may be convicted of child seduction if a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard who are attempting to enlist a child between 16 and 18 years old are added to this statute concerning child seduction, a Class D felony.

A Class D felony is punishable by a prison term ranging from six months to three years or reduction to Class A misdemeanor, depending upon mitigating and aggravating circumstances. The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$22,734 in FY 2006. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner. The estimated average cost of housing a juvenile in a state juvenile facility was \$63,139. The average length of stay in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities for all Class D felony offenders is approximately ten months.

*Background on Child Seduction:* On average between 2001 and 2005, there were three offenders a year

committed to a state correctional facility for Class D felony child seduction.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund and the state General Fund would increase. The maximum fine for a Class D felony is \$10,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund.

If the case is filed in a circuit, superior, or county court, 70% of the \$120 criminal costs fee that is assessed and collected when a guilty verdict is entered would be deposited in the state General Fund. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 55% of the fee would be deposited in the state General Fund. In addition, some or all of the judicial salaries fee (\$15), the public defense administration fee (\$3), the court administration fee (\$2), the judicial insurance adjustment fee (\$1), and the DNA sample processing fee (\$1) are deposited into the state General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** If more defendants are detained in county jails prior to their court hearings, local expenditures for jail operations may increase. The average cost per day is approximately \$44.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$120 criminal costs fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of the criminal costs fee. In addition, several additional fees may be collected at the discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of criminal case.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Department of Correction.

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