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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 21

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 19, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Jan 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Registry for Persons Convicted of Murder.

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FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It changes the name of the Sex Offender Registry to the "Sex and Violent Offender Registry" and requires persons convicted of murder to register on the Sex and Violent Offender Registry under the same conditions applying to registration by sex offenders.
- B. It adds a culpability standard to a criminal statute relating to the use of limited criminal histories.
- C. It makes technical corrections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Correction (DOC) is the state agency responsible for maintaining the Sex Offender Registry. Including murder as another data field in the website would likely require DOC to renegotiate the contract that it currently has with two vendors who provide web site services for the Sex Offender Registry. The specific costs to add murder as a new menu item is currently not available but will be included when this information becomes available.

Offenders Affected – The number of ex-offenders who have been released and living in communities or on probation is not known. There are currently 155 offenders who are on parole who were incarcerated for murder and 455 offenders who are projected to be released from DOC between 2007 and 2016 who were incarcerated for murder.

Overview of Sex Offender Registry – The Sex Offender Registry has two components for public use:

- a web page with the name, address, and picture of each offender and
- geographical information system component that shows each offender on maps of varying scale.

The Department of Correction coordinates with the Indiana Sheriffs' Association to input offender information into a database. DOC then contracts with APPRISS Inc. to develop this information into a series of web pages with information on the offender's name, address, and recent picture. The current contract with APPRISS for initial costs was \$173,000, and DOC has a continuing contract to pay \$4,000 per month for maintenance. This maintenance contract expires on January 22, 2007. DOC is in the process of renewing the contract.

The Office of the Attorney General contracts with Map Muse Inc. for developing the on-line maps of where sex offenders are located. The current contract for the services of Map Muse is \$42,100 and runs from January 31, 2005, to January 31, 2008.

Renegotiations with Vendors – To add a menu option for murder, DOC indicates it will have to do the following:

- Work with Appriss to modify the entry routine used by local sheriffs and the DOC to register offenders. Either DOC or APPRISS would be required to work with MapMuse through the Attorney General's office to update mapping components of the site to include persons who have been convicted of murder.
- Modify the registry presentation of information to make this information available to the public like other persons on the Sex Offender Registry. This would require modifications by both APPRISS and MapMuse.
- Add components to the training agenda developed by DOC concerning how murder offenders should be registered by DOC and local sheriff department staff. Change public training materials available for justice professionals and the public.
- Update publication materials that explain the purposes and presentation of offender registration and registry efforts by including murder.

Any added costs to renegotiate the current contract with either of these vendors is currently not known, but will be updated when this information becomes available.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would require lifetime registration by a person convicted of murder. Local law enforcement agencies would be required to visit the home of an ex-offender convicted and incarcerated for murder at least once per year. The Department of Correction received responses from eight local law enforcement agencies concerning a survey of the costs of registering and monitoring sex offenders. On average, each agency spent about \$52 for each registration visit.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction; Office of the Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Department of Correction Offender Information System.

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