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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6264**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 45**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 11, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Great Lakes Compact.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill implements the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The estimated annual fiscal impact of implementing a permit system in the Great Lakes Basin under the proposed Compact with four full-time staff is \$247,763. Any impact to the state would occur after legislation is passed by all states in the compact and upon approval by the U.S. Congress. States involved include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is anticipated that existing office space in Indianapolis, Michigan City, Columbia City could be used.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Fringe (34%)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hydraulic Engineer II	\$44,642	\$15,178	\$59,820
Engineering Geologist II	\$37,076	\$12,605	\$49,681
Env. Scientist III (x2)	\$67,808	\$23,054	\$90,862
<b>Additional Costs</b>			
Fuel	Annual		\$3,000
Computers	4 @ \$1,100		\$4,400
Misc.	(office supplies, uniforms, travel, phones, etc.)		\$30,000
Regional Meetings and support			\$10,000
Estimated first-year impact			<b>\$247,763</b>

The DNR reverted \$1.3 M in state General Fund revenue in FY 2007.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DNR

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