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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6117**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1132

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 4, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Department of Correction and Police Powers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lawson L

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. Permissive Powers – The Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) may appoint certain individuals as correctional police officers.
- B. Training Course – Correctional police officers would complete a pre-basic training course approved by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board and any other training course established by DOC in conjunction with the Training Board.
- C. Limited Police Powers – The police powers of these correctional police officers would be limited to dealing with (1) offenses committed on DOC’s facilities; (2) offenses involving an offender who is committed to DOC; (3) offenses committed in the presence of an officer; or (4) offenses while assisting another law enforcement officer who has requested the correctional police officer’s assistance.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared for the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill should have a minimal cost impact to the Department of Correction and to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). DOC plans at some point to have two correctional officers at each facility with these added powers.

Background– ILEA provides a 40-hour pre-service training program taught on-line and a course on Miranda rights that runs for one to two weeks. ILEA is currently developing DOC’s curriculum to apply to the situations associated with policing powers in a correctional setting. ILEA instructors could provide the training at the Correctional Training Institute in New Castle or deliver it through a simulcast to selected correctional officers in the field. DOC anticipates officers arranging this training around their work schedule to minimize overtime. DOC anticipates that this course would occur once a year at most.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** DOC; ILEA.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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