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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6693

BILL NUMBER: SB 167

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 23, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Purchase of Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Charbonneau

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill makes the purchase of drugs containing more than three grams of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or both, in one week a Class A misdemeanor instead of a Class C misdemeanor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenue to the Common School Fund may increase if a person is sentenced for a Class A misdemeanor rather than for a Class C misdemeanor. The maximum fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$500, while the maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000. Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Costs to local governments could increase because the maximum term of imprisonment for a Class C misdemeanor is up to 60 days while the maximum term for a Class A misdemeanor is up to one year. The average daily cost of housing a prisoner is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs' Association.

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