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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6817

BILL NUMBER: HB 1079

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 15, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veteran's Records.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Noe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a veteran's discharge record recorded in a county recorder's office is considered a public record if the veteran's Social Security number has been redacted. The bill requires a county recorder to redact the Social Security number from a veteran's discharge record upon receiving a written public record request for the discharge record.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: To the extent this bill increases the number of public officials who knowingly or intentionally disclose classified or confidential information, the number of Class A misdemeanors may increase in the state (IC 5-14-3-10).

If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000. However, any additional revenue would likely be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill will slightly increase the workload of the county recorder to redact the social security number of a veteran's discharge record. The increase in workload is expected to be minimal and absorbed into current workload.

Penalty Provision: A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any change in revenue would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected:

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

Information Sources:

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