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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6911**  
**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1310

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 10, 2011  
**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Purdue University Fire Department.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Truitt  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows the Board of Trustees of Purdue University to establish a fire department for the West Lafayette campus, with fire and emergency response and medical services jurisdiction on the West Lafayette campus and streets passing through and adjacent to the campus.

The bill allows the Board of Trustees to enter into agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and mutual aid agreements on behalf of the fire department. It provides that the fire chief of the Purdue fire department is an assistant to the state fire marshal.

The bill requires the Purdue Fire Department to comply with an order issued by the Fire and Building Safety Division directing the fire department to assist the division.

The bill includes a fire department establishes by a state education institution in the definition of "unit" for purposes of participation in the statewide mutual aid program. The bill specifies that the board of trustees of Purdue University may opt out of participating in the statewide mutual aid program.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Purdue University currently is the only state educational institution with its own fire department, so there should be no fiscal impact from the provision that allows Purdue to establish a fire department. Allowing the Board of Trustees to enter into agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and mutual aid agreements on behalf of the fire department could reduce fire expenses in the area and provide greater support. The agreements also would help reduce or eliminate any liability issues that might occur with Purdue University's fire department and other local fire departments working together

during a disaster.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Purdue University.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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