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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7484

BILL NUMBER: SB 571

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Juvenile Probation Services Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Zakas

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the fiscal body of a county to appropriate money from the county supplemental juvenile probation services fund (fund) to: (1) pay the salaries or supplement the salaries of employees of the juvenile courts of the county; and (2) construct, equip, operate, or maintain juvenile court facilities in the county. It also specifies that money in the fund may be used only at the request of a judge of the juvenile court of the county.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Current law limits revenue from juvenile probation services fees to supplementing probation services and supplementing the salaries of probation officers. This bill would permit county councils to pay salaries of any other employees of the juvenile court and to pay for certain capital improvement projects related to juvenile court facilities as well.

Depending on how much revenue that each county collects from the juvenile probation services fee, this may be a new source of revenue for funding facilities in the county that benefit juveniles.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Overall, revenue from juvenile probation services fees reported to be collected has declined by 32% between 2005 and 2009.

Where information was readily available on a county-by-county basis, 62 counties reported collecting less fee revenue in 2009 than in 2007 and the number of counties reporting to collect no revenue from the juvenile probation services fee increased from 6 in 2007 to 16 in 2009.

Fee Revenue Collected from Juvenile Probation Service Fees				
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
\$2,185,224	\$2,381,320	\$1,934,071	\$1,751,319	\$1,485,576

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts with juvenile jurisdiction.

Information Sources: *Indiana Judicial Reports*, 2005 through 2009.

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