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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6882
BILL NUMBER: SB 582

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 7, 2013
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hospital Police Departments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows the governing board of a county hospital, the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation (MCHHC), a municipal hospital, or private hospital to establish a hospital police department.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) currently offers a pre-basic training course that requires eight weeks of training. This is the likely pre-basic course that the ILEA would offer to persons wishing to become a hospital police officer under the bill. The eight-week course is offered twice per year. If more persons enrolled in these courses as a result of the bill, there would be an additional cost to the ILEA. Additional cost would include housing and meals to the additional trainees. The current cost for the eight-week course is approximately \$4,500 per student. Whether training costs would be borne by the hospital or the applicant, would depend on hospital policy.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* County hospitals, municipal hospitals, and the MCHHC would require indeterminable additional expenditures in order to establish a hospital police department. For those hospitals opting to establish a police department, the impact would depend on the number of police officers hired and capital outlays including: salaries and benefits, office space, furniture, computers, weapons, ammunition, and possibly additional vehicles. Persons applying for employment as a hospital police officer who have never been a sworn officer previously would require training via the ILEA. Whether training costs would

be borne by the hospital or the applicant, would depend on hospital policy. It is likely this last provision could be mitigated by hiring either retired or active sworn police officers from other departments.

Local Law Enforcement- Some counties and municipalities provide police protection to hospitals. For example, the MCHHC has a police presence from the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, the Fort Wayne Police Department established an outpost close to the Parkview Hospital main campus during April 2009. If county and municipal hospitals establish police departments as a result of this bill, county and municipal police that currently patrol those hospitals may be able to be reassigned to other duties.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Local Agencies Affected: County or municipal hospitals, Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation; local law enforcement agencies.

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