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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6882**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 582

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 14, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 14, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Hospital Police Departments.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Heuer

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** (Revised) The training required, under the bill, for hospital police officers would be similar to the training currently offered by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) for town marshals, which is known as tier-two training. If the training is carried out under the tier-two category, the ILEA would likely be able to absorb the cost of the increase in trainees within their existing budget.

**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.

**Information Sources:** Michael Lindsey, Deputy Executive Director, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (from committee testimony on 3/12/2013); Michelle O'Keefe, Public Information Officer with the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation; Parkview (Fort Wayne) Hospital website: [www.parkview.com](http://www.parkview.com).

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