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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6882

BILL NUMBER: SB 582

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BILL AMENDED: Mar 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Hospital Police Departments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Heuer

BILL STATUS: As Passed 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 bill would require a candidate to complete the standard basic training required by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). The current basic course lasts 15 weeks. The ILEA would likely see an increase in costs to the ILEA. Increased costs could include training supplies, such as ammunition and gasoline, meals, and additional instructors. However, the impact to the ILEA would be determined by the number of additional candidates that apply without already having the required training, which is indeterminable.

Increased costs to the ILEA could be alleviated to the extent hospital police departments hire officers that have already completed the basic course or have served on other municipal or county law enforcement departments.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *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 the complete 15-week basic training course, most likely via the ILEA. Whether training costs would be borne by the hospital or the applicant would depend on hospital policy. This last provision could be mitigated to the extent hospitals hire 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.

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