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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6882**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 582

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 6, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 23, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Hospital Police Departments.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Heuer

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Hospital Police Departments-* 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.

*Police Officer's Minimum Requirements-* The bill provides that an individual appointed to a hospital police department must meet at least the following requirements: (1) The individual must successfully complete, within one year after the individual is appointed as a hospital police officer, the minimum basic training and educational requirements as approved by the governing board of the hospital and the Law Enforcement Training Board. (2) The individual must undergo a psychological evaluation. (3) The individual must undergo a national criminal history background check. The bill requires the governing board of the hospital to require a hospital police officer to annually attend inservice training courses approved by the governing board of the hospital.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Police Officer's Minimum Requirements-* Depending on the training and hiring polices established by hospitals, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) could see an increase in the number of persons enrolled in the "tier-one" (15 weeks) or "tier-two" (8 weeks) basic training courses. Any increase in persons enrolled as a result of the bill would increase the costs to the ILEA to provide training. The ILEA reports that if hospital policies allow trainees to be placed in "tier-two" training, the costs could be borne within the ILEA's existing level of resources.

Ultimately, this provision's impact to the ILEA would depend on the number of candidates that hospitals send for basic training, which is indeterminable. Any potential costs to the ILEA could be reduced to the extent hospital police departments hire officers who have previously served on another law enforcement department and have attained the required training.

Additional Information- The ILEA's basic training costs are borne by the state. Costs include training supplies such as ammunition, gasoline, meals, facility maintenance, other course materials, and instructors. The current cost for the 15-week "tier-one" course at the ILEA is approximately \$8,500 per student. The cost per student for the "tier-two" 8-week course is roughly half the "tier-one" cost.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Hospital Police Departments-* County and municipal hospitals that choose to establish a police department could require an indeterminable additional level of expenditures to establish a hospital police department.

The impact would depend on the number of police officers hired and amount of capital outlay including: salaries and benefits, office space, furniture, computers, weapons, ammunition, possible vehicle acquisitions, and inservice training. A person applying for employment as a hospital police officer, who was never a sworn officer, would have to complete the basic training requirements established by the hospital board.

Additional Information-

Some counties and municipalities currently 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:** Rusty Goodpaster, Executive Director, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; 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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