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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6135 NOTE PREPARED: Nov 5, 2003

BILL NUMBER: SB 41 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Home Health Agency and Hospice Council.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill creates the Home Health Agency and Hospice Council. The bill also provides that the State Department of Health shall pay the Council's expenses. It also allows the Council to propose rules and act as an advisory body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates the 14-member Indiana Home Health Agency and Hospice Council to propose the adoption of rules concerning health and sanitation standards necessary to protect the health, safety, rights, and welfare of home health care and hospice patients; qualifications of applicants for licenses; and to act as an advisory body for the Department of Health. The Council is required to meet at least 6 times each year. Twelve members of the Council are entitled to receive per diem pay and necessary travel expenses. The State Department of Health is responsible for staffing the Council. The Department of Health reports that funds and staff resources required for the Council can be provided within the level of resources currently available to the Department.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> State Department of Health; the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services of the Family and Social Services Administration.

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Local Agencies Affected:

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