

SENATE BILL No. 250

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Gambling impact study. Requires the governor to initiate an impartial, nonpartisan, and objective study of the impact of gambling on Indiana. Provides that the governor may contract with a state university or a private entity or individual that does not have a financial, social, or political interest in the gambling industry to conduct the study. Requires the division of mental health to cooperate in the study. Appropriates a sufficient amount of money from the addiction services fund to pay the costs of the gambling impact study. Provides that riverboat admissions taxes deposited in the addiction services fund may be used to pay the costs of the study.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 7, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning gambling and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) **As used in this**
- 2 **SECTION, "gambling impact study" refers to the study required**
- 3 **under subsection (b).**
- 4 (b) **Before December 31, 1998, the governor shall initiate an**
- 5 **impartial, nonpartisan, and objective study of the impact of**
- 6 **gambling on Indiana. The study must include an examination of**
- 7 **the impact of gambling on the following:**
- 8 (1) **The economy of Indiana.**
- 9 (2) **Social issues in Indiana.**
- 10 (3) **Indiana politics, including the amount of money spent by**
- 11 **the gambling industry on lobbying each year.**
- 12 (c) **To initiate the gambling impact study, the governor may hire**
- 13 **or contract with any of the following to conduct the study:**
- 14 (1) **A state university.**
- 15 (2) **A private entity or an individual that does not have a**
- 16 **financial, social, or political interest in the gambling industry.**
- 17 (d) **The division of mental health shall cooperate in the gambling**

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1 **impact study and submit any relevant data collected by the division**
2 **to the person or entity conducting the gambling impact study.**
3 **(e) Before December 31, 1999, the person or entity conducting**
4 **the gambling impact study shall submit a report of the findings of**
5 **the study to the following:**
6 **(1) The governor.**
7 **(2) Members of the general assembly.**
8 **(3) The legislative services agency.**
9 **(f) Notwithstanding IC 12-23-2-5, there is appropriated from the**
10 **addiction services fund an amount sufficient to pay the costs of the**
11 **gambling impact study, beginning July 1, 1998, and ending**
12 **December 31, 1999.**
13 **(g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2000.**

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