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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6064

BILL NUMBER: HB 1013

DATE PREPARED: Jan 25, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 1999

SUBJECT: Stepparent adoptions.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a court may determine that a home study is not required before an adoption is granted if: (1) the person who seeks to adopt a child is the child's stepparent and the child is at least eight years of age; or (2) the person who seeks to adopt the child has been married for at least five years to the child's parent.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: There could be some cost savings to the Family and Social Services Administration due to a reduction in home studies that will no longer be required for step-parent adoptions. According to the Indiana Judicial Report, there were 3,121 adoption filings in calendar year 1997. It is estimated that 46.6% of the filings were step-parent adoptions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: 1997 Indiana Judicial Report, Vol. II.