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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6112**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1095**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 26, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 25, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Children's special health care services.

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the State Department of Health to extend all care, services, and materials to autistic children who meets certain criteria as are provided to children with special health care needs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill expands the medical eligibility of the Children's Special Health Care Services program to include children with autism. The State Department of Health (SDOH) has developed the following financial eligibility criteria for children with special health care needs: a family with an income before taxes no greater than 250% of the federal poverty level is eligible for the program. The annual income level ranges from \$27,125 for a family of two to \$69,125 for a family of eight at 250% of the federal poverty level. For each additional child the income level increases by \$2,800. The Indiana Resource Center for Autism has identified 1,008 children with autism. The SDOH estimates that adding children with autism to this program could cause additional expenditures from the Children with Special Health Care Needs Fund of approximately \$350,000 per year.

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Fund received a state General Fund appropriation of \$7,471,096 in FY 98. The Fund also receives funding from a county property tax levy. The amount received from the property tax levy and other local miscellaneous revenues in FY 98 was \$6,300,000. The Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$15 million. Current spending from the Fund is approximately \$2 million more than the annual revenue deposited into the Fund due to the current balance. The current fund balance should be able to support the additional services to this cohort for an indeterminable time.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Joni Albright, State Department of Health, 233-7458.