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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6442
BILL NUMBER: HB 1192

DATE PREPARED: Jan 29, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Jan 28, 1999

SUBJECT: CASA and GAL funding; Senior Judges.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill removes a provision that limits the Division of State Court Administration from using more than \$75,000 in matching funds per state fiscal year to implement and administer guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs. This bill provides that the General Assembly may appropriate additional funds to the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity to supplement the amounts appropriated by statute. It provides that senior judges are entitled to a per diem equal to the greater of \$50 or a per diem set by appropriation. The bill provides that the General Assembly may appropriate additional funds to the Public Defense Fund to supplement the amounts appropriated by statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill eliminates the restriction that the Division of State Court Administration cannot use more than \$75,000 in state General Fund appropriations to administer the Guardian Ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs. The Division of State Court Administration reports that these programs currently do not spend more than \$75,000 in administrative costs, therefore this change will have no immediate fiscal impact.

The bill allows the General Assembly to appropriate additional funds to the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity. Current state statute limits the amount appropriated to \$550,000. The bill allows the General Assembly to appropriate additional funding to the Public Defense Fund. Current state statute limits appropriations to \$1.2 million.

This bill provides that senior judges can receive a per diem equal to the of \$50 or a per diem set by appropriation. Currently, senior judges receive \$50 for per diem. This provision could increase the cost to the state if the per diem set by appropriation is greater than \$50. In 1998, 57 senior judges were certified by the state Supreme Court and 36 served in a trial or appellate court. These senior judges served for 1,796 days

for a cost of \$89,800 (\$50 x 1796).

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Division of State Court Administration, Indiana Judicial Center, State Auditor, State Treasurer.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Lilia Judson, Division of State Court Administration, 232-2542.