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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6779

BILL NUMBER: HB 1235

DATE PREPARED: Mar 3, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Mar 3, 1999

SUBJECT: Municipal and town regulation of train whistles.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows the cities of Elkhart and Goshen and the towns of Munster and Osceola to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of train whistles within the city or town limits. The city or town is allowed to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of train whistles before January 1, 2001. This bill prohibits a city or town from regulating by ordinance the sounding of a whistle or the ringing of a bell at a train crossing that does not have an automatic train activated warning signal.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) An engineer found in violation of the city or town ordinance regulating the use of train whistles within the city or town limits, is to be assessed a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. The fines collected are to be deposited in the Common School Fund, a dedicated fund. The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Cities of Elkhart and Goshen; Towns of Munster and Osceola.

Information Sources: