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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6809**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1243**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 23, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Home energy assistance.

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the Division of Family and Children to consider an applicant's housing status when determining the amount of energy assistance to award the applicant under the Home Energy Assistance Program. The bill requires the Division to give weight to the housing status of applicants in the following order of priority: (1) An applicant who resides in nonsubsidized housing. (2) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which home energy costs are not included in the rent. (3) An applicant who resides in subsidized housing in which home energy costs are included in the rent. It requires the Division to annually evaluate the formula for determining the amount of energy assistance benefit and to submit a report containing certain information to the Legislative Council by April 1 of each year, beginning in 2000.

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The changing of the benefit computation matrix will have no fiscal impact on the program. The Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program. Indiana received approximately \$31.1 million last year. The allotment to Indiana is expected to increase slightly this year. These changes will simply reduce benefits to some households and increase benefits to other households. The evaluation of the energy assistance formula and the report to the Legislative Council can be completed using existing funds of the Division of Family and Children.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Karen Kinder, Family and Social Services Administration, 232-7088.