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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6715

BILL NUMBER: HB 1395

DATE PREPARED: Dec 11, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Handgun licenses and safety education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a handgun license from being issued to a person who has not participated in handgun safety education approved by the Superintendent of the State Police Department. It also requires the Superintendent to adopt a policy that specifies the criteria of adequate handgun safety education.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Minimal administrative cost will be associated with adopting a handgun safety education policy. Funding for the Indiana State Police originates from the state General Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: Some loss in revenue may occur for state fees charged for handgun licenses. The State Police currently charge a fee of \$5 for qualified and \$15 for unlimited handgun licenses (almost all licenses issued are unlimited). A total of 83,380 licenses were issued in 1997. The impact over time will depend upon the number of persons who choose not to attend safety education classes to obtain a license. Licensing fees are deposited to the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill may decrease the number of licenses issued, each of which requires a local \$10 application fee. License revenue may be deposited in the law enforcement agency's firearms training fund or other appropriate training activities funds.

State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Captain Bob Omstead, Indiana State Police, 232-8265.