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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7396

BILL NUMBER: HB 1415

DATE PREPARED: Jan 5, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Countywide toll free calling.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a telephone company from charging long distance rates for service provided within a county regardless of whether different telephone service areas are involved. It prohibits the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) from approving rate increases to cover the expense of complying with this law. The bill also specifies that regulatory procedures established by the IURC for changes in telephone service areas do not apply to this law.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could reduce the cost of telephone service for local units that are currently charged long distance rates for some calls within their own county. Under this bill, all phone calls between two points in the same county would be considered local calls. However, as long distance phone service is not typically a significant portion of operating expenses for local governments or school corporations, the impact of this bill on local expenditures is not expected to be great.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: All units (in some counties).

Information Sources: Mike Leppert, Director, Consumer Affairs, IURC, (317) 232-2714.