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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7008**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1446

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 12, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 11, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Criminal History Checks for School Volunteers.

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill would allow a school corporation or nonpublic school to request a limited criminal history for an adult who volunteers for a position in which the adult would have contact with, care of, or supervision over a student. It would provide that a school corporation or nonpublic school not be charged a fee for the limited criminal history. It would also make a corresponding change to a related section.

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) Under current State law, school corporations and nonpublic schools may request limited criminal history information from the Indiana State Police Department (the Department) for prospective non-certified employees, but are not allowed to request limited criminal history information from an adult who volunteers for a position in which the adult would have contact with, care of, or supervision over a student. Also under current State law, each applicant is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the limited criminal history.

This bill would allow school corporations and nonpublic schools to request limited criminal history information from the Department for certain adult volunteers, and would require that school corporations and nonpublic schools not be charged for the services (currently, the Department charges \$7.00 for a limited criminal history). Consequently, the State General Fund would not realize additional monies due to additional limited criminal histories conducted as a result of this bill.

The number of adults volunteering their time at Indiana's 294 school corporations and at Indiana's nonpublic schools is currently indeterminable, and would vary from school entity to school entity. The estimated number of limited criminal histories that the Department would be required to process is also currently indeterminable since it is unknown how many history checks might be requested by a school corporation or by a nonpublic school. However, the Department could experience an increase in administrative hours and

cost due to the provisions of this bill.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: 1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; 2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; 3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; 4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or 5) new appropriations.

Based on the 2/26/99 State Manning Table, seven of the 52 authorized positions for the Department's Central Records Division are vacant. These positions range from clerical assistance to data processing.

Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill would depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The effects of this bill would vary from school entity to school entity, and would depend upon local action.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Police Department.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations and Nonpublic Schools.

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