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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1547

DATE PREPARED: Apr 6, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Apr 5, 1999

SUBJECT: Childhood hazards program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill expands the Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Program to include other childhood hazards. The bill provides that the Department of Health may implement a program focusing on awareness and prevention of childhood hazards.

This bill authorizes Project IMPACT USA, Inc., a national nonprofit organization, to develop and implement affiliate Project IMPACT organizations in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, and South Bend. The bill provides that the five Project IMPACT affiliate organizations established in Indiana consist of a comprehensive family restoration program that may provide delinquency prevention services to problematic youth and their families, including individuals referred to the program by juvenile courts, local schools, and community organizations. It provides that the objectives of Project IMPACT are to: (1) reduce the number of arrests; (2) reduce the number of school suspensions; (3) reduce the number of youth referred to the juvenile courts; (4) increase a troubled youth's ability to cope with daily problems; (5) improve parent-child relationships; and (6) change conventional methods of youth incarceration by providing positive alternatives to various difficult situations for youth. The bill provides that Project IMPACT may also provide the following programs: (1) A juvenile diversion program. (2) A school dropout prevention program. (3) A job training and placement program. (4) A parent education program. (5) Spirituality counseling. The bill also provides that Project IMPACT may enter into a contract with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill expands the Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Program to include other childhood hazards. The Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Program has not received any state appropriation or other funding and is currently being developed by the State Department of Health. This bill provides no state appropriation to expand the current program that is being developed.

This bill authorizes Project IMPACT to develop five affiliate organizations in Evansville, Ft. Wayne, South

Bend, Gary and Indianapolis. Project IMPACT is a nonprofit organization which seeks to provide positive alternatives to drug abuse, gangs, school failure, and other juvenile problems. The bill allows Project IMPACT to enter into a contract with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to carry out the duties in the bill. There is no appropriation in the bill to fund this program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health, Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: