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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1649

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Central repository for controlled substances data.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the State Police Department, with the approval of the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee, to provide for a prescription monitoring program that includes certain information to be provided to the Central Repository for Controlled Substances Data each time a controlled substance designated by the Advisory Committee under schedule II, schedule III, or schedule IV is dispensed. The bill provides that the State Police Department, instead of the Health Professions Bureau, or the Central Repository is responsible for the costs of the controlled substance prescription monitoring program. It requires the State Police Department, with the advice of the Advisory Committee, to designate a central repository for the collection of the information. (Current law requires the Advisory Committee to designate the central repository.) The bill allows the State Police Department, with the advice of the Advisory Committee, to execute a contract with a vendor designated by the State Police Department as the central repository. The bill transfers responsibility for the administration of the Controlled Substances Data Fund from the Health Professions Bureau to the State Police Department. It provides that the law concerning the Central Repository for Controlled Substances expires July 1, 2001, instead of July 1, 1999.

Effective Date: June 30, 1999; July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the State Police to provide for a prescription monitoring program and become responsible for the costs of the controlled substance prescription monitoring program. Currently the Health Professions Bureau is responsible for the Central Repository for Controlled Substances and the Controlled Substances Data Fund, which finances the operation of the repository. The Health Professions Bureau contracts with the National Center for Controlled Prescription Monitoring to provide the central repository service at a cost of \$102 per year. The Criminal Justice Institute provides \$26,000 in state General Fund money annually for the contract and the Edward Byrne federal grant contributes \$76,000 annually. The law that established the federal grant program expires at the end of fiscal year 1999 and it is unlikely the grant program will continue. The State Police is required by this bill to pay for the cost of this program. The cost of the program is dependant on whether the State Police extends the

current contract or decides to provide the program with existing personnel. The bill does not appropriate funds for this program. The State Police is funded through the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, and the General Fund.

The resources required could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing resources currently being used in another program; (3) Funding for authorized but vacant staff positions could be redirected to other operating expenses; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of the resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

As a point of information, the repository monitors all of Indiana's 1,400 pharmacies. The annual volume of prescriptions monitored is an estimated 250,000. Program information is used by local, state, and federal law enforcement officials.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Police, Health Professions Bureau, Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: