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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1845

DATE PREPARED: Nov 7, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Water Supply Monitoring.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that, except for investigations ordered by the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management to determine whether a public water supply is impure and dangerous to health or whether there has been a violation of environmental laws, a public water supply serving a facility that is owned by a church or religious society and exempt from property taxes may be monitored for contaminants not more than one time per year.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill provides that, except under certain conditions, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) may not require more than one water sample analysis per year from a public water supply if the public water supply serves exclusively a facility that is exempt from property taxes because the facility is owned by, or held in trust for the use of a church or religious society. Currently, water sample analyses are required four times per year. This may reduce IDEM's administrative expenses by a minimal amount.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill may decrease revenue to the State Department of Health (SDOH) by a minimal amount. According to the SDOH, its environmental lab conducts water sample analyses for 120 of these facilities four times per year. These facilities pay \$8 for each analysis. If the number of analyses to be conducted is decreased from four per year to only once per year for all 120 facilities, the SDOH's revenue would decrease by \$2,880 per year. Revenue is deposited in an account that is dedicated to the SDOH's environmental labs and does not revert to the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Environmental Management; State Department of Health.

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Information Sources: Norma Selby, State Department of Health, 233-7573.