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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7245**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 377**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 8, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Port Commission.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** Susan Preble

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill specifies that the Indiana Port Commission is a governmental entity subject to the Indiana Tort Claims Act. It also provides that the membership of the Port Commission must include at least one member appointed from each county in which a port over which the Commission has jurisdiction is located.

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) Passage of this bill potentially decreases the number of lawsuits filed against the State of Indiana because it confers immunity under the Indiana Tort Claims Act to the Indiana Port Commission.

The Port Commission's insurance premium for 1999 is \$131,825. Information regarding the number of claims and amount of damages paid out by the Port Commission is unavailable at this time.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Office of the Attorney General; Indiana Port Commission

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Barbara Crawford, Office of the Attorney General, (317) 232-6217; IC 34-13-3; Lisa Hays Murray, (317) 464-5182.