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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8189

BILL NUMBER: SB 659

DATE PREPARED: Feb 11, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 9, 1999

SUBJECT: Capital punishment procedures.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a convicted female who is sentenced to death shall: (1) be confined in a female correctional facility and transported to the state prison not more than 30 days before the date of her execution; and (2) remain segregated from male prisoners while at the state prison. It specifies the persons who may view an execution. (Current law specifies the persons who may be present at an execution.) It allows the Superintendent of the state prison to exclude a person from viewing an execution if it is determined that the presence of the person would threaten the safety or security of the state prison. It also provides that the Department of Correction: (1) shall keep the identities of persons who assist the Superintendent of the state prison in an execution confidential; and (2) may classify as confidential and withhold from the public any documents that relate to the performance of an execution.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill: (1) allows the warden of the state prison to exclude persons from viewing an execution; and (2) anticipates future DOC procedures regarding females scheduled for execution. Neither provision has fiscal impact.

No females have been executed this century, based on DOC records. There is one female who could possibly be scheduled for execution in Indiana, but she is currently being held under a death sentence in Ohio. Historically, females sentenced to death have had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Planning Division, Department of Correction.