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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7217

BILL NUMBER: SB 660

DATE PREPARED: Jan 8, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Mentor Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana Mentor Program for female criminal offenders to be administered by the Department of Correction. It provides that the purpose of the program is to reduce the recidivism rates of female criminal offenders, ease the transition of the offenders back into the community, and assist the offenders to compete in and contribute to society.

This bill requires the Department of Correction to establish the program in relation to at least one correctional facility. It requires the Department to appoint a 19 member board of directors to conduct the business affairs and oversee the finances of the program. It provides that the program consists of three phases involving a self-awareness program, community outreach, and education. It also requires the Department, or the Department's designee, to collect data concerning housing, education, and employment of the program participants and other information.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill does not specify program components nor number of program participants. However, DOC currently runs a somewhat similar juvenile mentoring program (duration about six months) which employs two full-time staff, whose salary and supply costs average about \$650 per juvenile participant. There are two DOC women's correctional facilities with a total population of approximately 1,100. If DOC enrolled 100 women under juvenile cost provisions, than annual cost would \$65,000. This does not include the cost of follow up tracking, as specified in the bill. State General Fund costs would vary based on program materials, components and the number of participants as well as any additional funds secured by the board of directors. The bill does not contain an additional appropriation.

The bill does not specify membership on the board of directors and it is assumed that member service will be unpaid .

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.