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SENATE BILL No. 600

DIGEST OF SB0600 (Updated February 9, 1999 11:14 am - DI 51)

Citations Affected: IC 33-2.1-8-1; IC 33-2.1-8-8.

Synopsis: Economic impact statements of court officers. Specifies that a judge or a prosecuting attorney is not required to provide on the annual statement of economic interest the names of close relatives from whom gifts valued at over \$100 have been received. Provides that a close relative is a person related to a person in a certain degree by blood, adoption, half-blood, marriage, or remarriage. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on courts.)

Effective: July 1, 1999.

Alexa, Bray

January 21, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ethics.
February 9, 1999, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 33-2.1-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this
3 chapter, "cause" means a trial, hearing, arraignment, controversy,
4 appeal, case, or any business performed within the official duty of a
5 justice, judge, or prosecuting attorney.
6 (b) As used in this chapter, "compensation" means any money, thing
7 of value, or economic benefit conferred on, or received by, any person
8 in return for services rendered, or for services to be rendered, whether
9 by that person or another.
10 (c) As used in this chapter, "economic interest" means substantial
11 financial interest in investments, employment, awarding of contracts,
12 purchases, leases, sales, or similar matters.
13 (d) As used in this chapter, "employer" means any person from
14 whom the judge, justice, or prosecuting attorney or that person's spouse
15 receives any nonstate income.
16 (e) As used in this chapter, "information of a confidential nature"
17 means information obtained by reason of the position or office held and

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1 which information has not been, or will not be, communicated to the
2 general public.

3 (f) As used in this chapter, "person" means any individual,
4 proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, trust, business
5 trust, group, limited liability company, or corporation, whether or not
6 operated for profit, or a governmental agency or political subdivision.

7 (g) As used in this chapter, "judge" means a judge of the court of
8 appeals or the tax court, or of a circuit, superior, municipal, county, or
9 probate court. A judge pro tempore, commissioner, or hearing officer
10 shall be considered a judge if that person shall sit more than twenty
11 (20) days other than Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays in one (1)
12 calendar year as judge, commissioner, or hearing officer in any court.

13 **(h) As used in this chapter, "close relative" means a person**
14 **related to a person filing a statement of economic interest or to the**
15 **person's spouse as a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter,**
16 **great-grandson, great-granddaughter, father, mother, grandfather,**
17 **grandmother, great-grandfather, great-grandmother, brother,**
18 **sister, nephew, niece, uncle, or aunt. Relatives by adoption,**
19 **half-blood, marriage, or remarriage shall be treated as relatives of**
20 **whole kinship.**

21 SECTION 2. IC 33-2.1-8-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. The statement of
23 economic interests shall set forth the following information for the
24 preceding calendar year:

25 (1) The name and address of any person **other than a spouse or**
26 **close relative (as defined in section 1(h) of this chapter)** from
27 whom the justice, judge, prosecuting attorney, or clerk of the
28 supreme court received a gift or gifts having a total fair market
29 value in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100).

30 (2) The name of the employer of the justice, judge, prosecuting
31 attorney, or clerk of the supreme court and the employer of that
32 person's spouse.

33 (3) The nature of the employer's business.

34 (4) The name of any sole proprietorship owned or professional
35 practice operated by the justice, judge, prosecuting attorney, clerk
36 of the supreme court, or that person's spouse and the nature of the
37 business.

38 (5) The name of any partnership of which the justice, judge,
39 prosecuting attorney, clerk of the supreme court, or that person's
40 spouse is a member and the nature of the partnership's business.

41 (6) The name of any corporation (except a church) of which the
42 justice, judge, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the supreme court, or

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1 that person's spouse is an officer or a director and the nature of
2 the corporation's business.
3 (7) The name of any corporation in which the justice, judge,
4 prosecuting attorney, clerk of the supreme court, or that person's
5 spouse or unemancipated children under eighteen (18) years of
6 age own stock or stock options having a fair market value in
7 excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Ethics, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 600, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 600 as introduced.)

KENLEY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0.

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