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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6241
BILL NUMBER: HB 1030

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SUBJECT: Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions: (A) It removes the July 1, 2000, expiration date from a provision that allows the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center to provide basic training to a law enforcement officer who meets certain requirements. (B) It also requires the Law Enforcement Training Board to arrange for the use of the Wayne Township Fire Training Center of Marion County for programs provided by the Board to the extent feasible.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Provision A: This bill would allow basic training to continue indefinitely at the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center (NILETC). Basic training began at NILETC in CY 1999, and a total of 54 officers are expected to graduate from the 17-week program this year. These officers would have otherwise attended ILEA training.

This bill may affect expenditures from the dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund as well as state General Fund funding used for police basic training purposes. Currently, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) provides the majority of mandatory basic training for officers in the state (600 to 800 a year), with a training cost of about \$4,000 per officer.

The ILEA is funded by the dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund (Fund) which is provided by court fee revenue (under IC 33-19-7-5) as well as General Fund appropriations. The FY 2000 fee distribution to the Fund was \$1.9 million. The General Assembly also appropriated \$2.1 million in FY 2000 to the Fund.

Potential Fiscal Savings: If NILETC were to continue to train 50-100 additional officers a year within the current city/county funding arrangement, those officers would not attend ILEA training. ILEA expenditures could decrease from \$195,000 to \$390,000 a year (based on training costs of \$4,000, minus a \$100 ILEA allowance). These officers could have otherwise attended scheduled ILEA training sessions. The ILEA provides a \$100 per capita allowance (established by rule) to departments for each officer who receives basic

training outside of the Academy.

Background: In addition to ILEA training, about 100 officers annually are trained at the Ft. Wayne Training Academy, the Indianapolis Police Department and the IU Bloomington Academy. Training expenditures are paid within the budgets of those police departments and officers are trained for each of those departments (An exception is the IU Academy which graduates about 25 student officers each year who receive basic training while performing campus police duties over a two year period.)

Provision B. Currently, no central location for firefighting training exists in Indiana. This bill would require the Board to use the facilities at Wayne Township Fire Training Center whenever feasible.

Background Information: The State Budget Agency has approved spending \$60,000 from the Public Safety Training Institute's budget to conduct a study on the feasibility of constructing a fire training academy.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Provision A: The NILETC basic training budget for CY 1999 was comprised of \$80,000 transferred from the city police departments of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago (\$25,000 each) and the Lake County sheriff's office (\$5,000), all of whose officers received training. NILETC reports that this funding will not be continued for CY 2000. Current plans for future basic training will be limited to the remaining CY 1999 funds and may not be continued without additional supplemental funding.

Provision B: Under current arrangements, the local organizations and individual firefighters pay for the training that is provided through the Institute. Any facility costs for providing training at the Wayne Township Fire Training Center will depend on whatever arrangements are made between the Public Safety Training Institute and the Fire Training Center administration.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Provision B: If the Public Safety Training Institute uses the Wayne Township Fire Training Center, the township would likely collect a fee for use of the facility.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Public Safety Training Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center; Wayne Township, Marion County.

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