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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6168**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1051**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2000**  
**BILL AMENDED: Jan 24, 2000**

**SUBJECT:** Operating a vehicle while intoxicated and juveniles.

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill specifies that a juvenile court must recommend the immediate suspension of a child's driving privileges if the child is alleged to have committed an act that would be an offense under the law concerning operating a vehicle while intoxicated if committed by an adult. It specifies that a juvenile court must, in addition to any other order or decree the court makes, recommend the suspension of a child's driving privileges if the child is a delinquent child due to the commission of a delinquent act that, if committed by an adult, would be an offense under the law concerning operating a vehicle while intoxicated. It also provides procedures for reinstatement of the driver's license.

It incorporates various provisions currently applicable to an adult whose license is suspended under IC 9-30-5 to a child whose license is suspended under the juvenile law.

It reinstates and relocates in a new chapter in the Indiana Code penalty provisions for operating a motor vehicle with suspended or revoked driving privileges, licenses, or permits.

It requires a court to specify: (1) the length of a fixed period of suspension; and (2) the date the fixed period of suspension begins when the court makes a recommendation that a person's driving privileges be suspended for operating a motor vehicle while the person's driving privileges, license, or permit is suspended or revoked.

It also requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to protect the confidentiality of certain information regarding a person's motor vehicle record.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) There will be no additional expense to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) as a result of this bill due to the volume of driver's license suspensions it currently

processes.

In 1998, the BMV suspended 121,724 driver's licenses. Of this total, 1,645 of the licenses were issued to 17-year-old drivers, and 677 were issued to 16-year-old drivers.

The provisions of the bill which incorporate various provisions currently applicable to an adult whose license is suspended under IC 9-30-5 to a child whose license is suspended under the juvenile law, may increase processing demands on the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Currently, some courts do not order the suspension of a juvenile's license as they would an adult's license under similar circumstances. To the extent that these courts will begin to order suspensions of juveniles' licenses, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will experience an increase in workload. It is not known how many courts will begin ordering such suspensions with the passage of this bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill requires a juvenile court to recommend that a child's driving privileges be immediately suspended if the child is alleged to have committed an offense under the operating a vehicle while intoxicated statute. Because the child will already be before the court under these circumstances, there will be no fiscal impact to the court when it recommends the child's driver's license be immediately suspended.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles

**Local Agencies Affected:** Juvenile courts

**Information Sources:** 1998 Bureau of Motor Vehicles Driver's License Data, Statewide Totals.