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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 2119

DATE PREPARED: Mar 6, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Mar 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Upper Wabash River Basin Commission.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the upper Wabash River Basin Commission. The bill provides for the membership and powers of the Commission. It prohibits the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission from providing funding for the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission. The Commission expires on January 1, 2002 if the executives of Adams, Huntington, Jay, and Wells Counties do not elect to participate in the Commission before January 1, 2002.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Each member of the Commission is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. A county may pay members of the Commission per diem for the performance of the member's duties on the Commission.

The Commission must adopt rules that restrict construction within the 100 year flood plains of the basin. The Commission will incur expenses for the provision. Expenses paid may be paid only from the money available to the Commission.

The Commission may sue and be sued; employ staff; enter into contracts to implement a cooperative agreement. A political subdivision in a participating county may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Commission and at least one other legal entity to authorize the development of a plan to control flooding and improve drainage; organize and coordinate the installation of trails; and develop and promote good soil and water conservation practices and procedures, including erosion control and bank stabilization.

The specific impact of this provision will depend on local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) The Commission may acquire by grant, gift, purchase, or devise certain conservation easements and improvements. The Commission may also acquire, dispose, hold, use, improve, maintain, operate, own, manage, or lease real or personal property by grant, gift, purchase, or devise. The bill prohibits the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission from providing funding for the Commission.

The impact of this provision will depend on local action.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Adams, Huntington, Jay, and Wells Counties.

Information Sources: