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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1552

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inmate Processing Fee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kersey

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a person who is: (1) sentenced for a felony or misdemeanor; and (2) confined in a county jail; to pay the county an inmate processing fee of \$30.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The \$30 Inmate Processing Fee proposed under the bill would be deposited in the county general fund. The amount of revenue would vary among the counties based on county jail capacity and the average length of stay for inmates. Additionally, the number of people incarcerated, but not convicted, would affect overall revenues because these people would be entitled to a refund of the fee.

On average statewide, counties have 156 county jail beds. [Note: Ohio County does not have any jail beds and has not been included in this survey]. The number of jail beds in each county ranges from 8 to 2,155. Assuming that the average length of stay in a county jail allows each jail bed to turnover four times a year, the average annual revenue from the fee would be \$18,731, with a range from \$960 to \$258,600.

[Note: The total number of county jail beds by county in 2003 and an estimate of revenue based on the assumption of four turnovers per year per county are available from the Legislative Services Agency.]

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Sheriff's Department.

Information Sources: Department of Correction, *2003 Annual Jail Report*.

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