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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1553

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 21, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Mar 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Health and Hospital Corporation.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Buell

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes various duties of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County and the Corporation's Board. It removes certain residency requirements of the Board members. The bill allows Board members to waive compensation. It also allows certain documents to be maintained in an electronic format. The bill allows the Board to codify ordinances. It provides the Division of Public Health with the powers and duties of a Local Department of Health. The bill changes the responsibilities of the Director of the Division of Public Health. It establishes procedures for enforcing certain orders. The bill makes technical and conforming changes. It also amends surplus property laws concerning hospitals. The bill repeals laws concerning the Corporation's personnel system and tuberculosis commitment proceedings.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. A civil filing fee of \$100 would be assessed when a civil case is filed. 70% of the filing fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on the current policies and practices of the Corporation's seven-member board. For example, expenditures could be affected by the degree to which the board's purchasing policies for purchasing medical related supplies differ from those policies provided in statute for public purchasing. All other purchases of the Corporation are currently subject to the

public purchasing statute.

Some of the requirements may possibly be fulfilled using existing resources. For example, the bill requires the board to codify its adopted ordinances and make them available in an electronic format. A codified version of its adopted ordinances is provided on the Corporation's Internet website.

The bill could potentially lead to a reduction in expenditures. For instance, the bill allows the board members to waive their compensation, which is \$1,200 per member per year as provided in statute.

It is expected the Corporation will be able to absorb any additional expenditure given its current budget.

Background: For 2004, the Corporation's tax levy was approximately \$89M and its total budgeted amount after additional appropriations was approximately \$236M.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* The bill allows a civil action to be filed to enforce orders, citations, and administrative notices of violation of the Division of Public Health. If additional civil actions occur, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 filing fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

The bill also allows the board or the Corporation to establish fees for licenses, services, and records. It may also accept payments via credit card. Both of these provision could bring in additional revenue.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County; trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources: Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, www.hhcorp.org.

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