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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1238

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 13, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Feb 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Emergency Management Mobile Support.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Wyss

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies the types of individuals who and the time frame in which an individual can be called to duty with a mobile support unit. It specifies liability provisions concerning the individual and compensation and reimbursement available to a member's employer or a member of a mobile support unit who is not an employee of the state or a political subdivision.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that the state must pay benefits in addition to compensation to employees who serve in mobile support units. If a mobile support unit is deployed outside Indiana under the emergency management assistance compact, an individual serving as a member of the mobile support unit who is not an employee of the state is considered an employee of the state for purposes of the compact.

The state may reimburse employees or employers for compensation, travel, subsistence, and maintenance expenses; payments for death, disability, or injury of the employees; and losses of or damage to supplies and equipment.

The bill eliminates provisions whereby if the laws of another state do not contain provisions for assistance similar to Indiana's or if the federal government has agreed to pay for mutual reimbursement, then the state may not. These provisions will increase expenditures to the state if mobile units are employed. The impact is indeterminable and would depend on the number and nature of deployments for emergency management mobile support.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local units could receive reimbursement from the state for expenses related to emergency mobile assistance. The impact, however, is indeterminable.

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: Units with mobile support units.

Information Sources:

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