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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6551
BILL NUMBER: SB 105

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 6, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commuter Rail Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

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

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to conduct a feasibility study regarding implementation of a commuter rail system with service from Muncie to Indianapolis. It authorizes INDOT to apply for any federal grants available for conducting the study.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: In recent years, the state as well as local government agencies have been involved in studies which examined passenger rail (intercity or commuter/light rail) feasibility for various routes. Federal funds have been used to fund all or portions of such studies. Costs of initial feasibility-type studies which provide rough estimates of cost and potential ridership of a rail system have ranged between \$60,000 and \$100,000. More in-depth studies would cost more. The state fund affected is the State Highway Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation

Local Agencies Affected:

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