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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6700**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 499

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 11, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sex Offender Fees.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Heinold

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**

**GENERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It permits a county to adopt: (1) an annual sex offender registration fee that does not exceed \$50; and (2) a sex offender address change fee that does not exceed \$5.
- B. It provides that 90% of each fee is deposited in the County Sex Offender Administration Fund, and 10% of each fee is transferred to the state for deposit in the State Sex Offender Administration Fund.
- C. It specifies that the funds are to be used for expenses related to the operation of the Indiana Sex Offender Registry.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** A State Sex Offender Administration Fund would be established by the bill and would receive 10% of any of the revenue generated by either the Sex Offender Registration Fee or the Sex Offender Address Change Fee. If all counties in Indiana adopt ordinances to collect the Sex Offender Registration Fee at the maximum rate of \$50, the estimated revenue that the state would receive would be \$40,955. Money in the fund would be used by the Department of Correction to carry out its duties in administering the Indiana Sex Offender Registry. (See also *Explanation of Local Revenues.*)

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Background* – The Department of Correction received responses from eight local law enforcement agencies concerning a survey of the costs of registering and monitoring sex offenders. On average, each agency spent about \$52 for each registration visit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Any revenue generated will depend on the number of county councils that pass an ordinance allowing for this fee to be charged and what the fee level would be. The Department of Correction reports that 8,191 sex offenders are currently in the Sex Offender Registry statewide. If all 92 counties enact ordinances at the maximum \$50 per offender, the new revenue generated would be \$409,550. The county share of 90% would be \$368,595. This new revenue would be required to be deposited in the County Sex Offender Administration Fund.

This bill would also allow a county legislative body to adopt an ordinance to charge \$5 each time that a sex offender changes their address. The added revenue from this fee is not currently able to be determined.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

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