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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6119**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1131

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 10, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lawson L

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee to evaluate criminal laws and sentencing policies. It repeals the noncode section establishing the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This 20-member study committee consists of eight legislators, five members of the judiciary, including the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, three lay members, and four state employees. The committee would operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the Legislative Services Agency are to provide staff support to the committee.

A Sentencing Policy Study Commission has been established by noncode sections of statute since 2003. The most recent authorizing language is included in noncode sections in both HEA 1001– 2007 and HEA 1386 – 2007.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Criminal Justice Institute; Legislative Services Agency

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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