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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6188**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 24

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 25, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 24, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Indiana Brain Injury Study Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. T. Brown

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the 12- member Indiana Brain Injury Commission to study and report on various topics related to brain injuries.

The bill requires the Commission to meet at the call of the chairperson and to operate under policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Commission members are not eligible for travel expenses or a salary per diem.

Staffed by the Legislative Services Agency, the bill requires the Commission to prepare two reports - a preliminary report due not later than December 1, 2011, and a final report due not later than December 1, 2012.

The bill also requires the State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt rules establishing a licensure category for providers of services for individuals with brain injuries.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Health Finance Commission.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill specifies that Commission members are not eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses or payment of a salary per diem. The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency to staff the Commission and limits the operation of the Commission to rules applicable to interim study committees. Expenses related to meetings, including staff, are estimated to be within the existing level of resources available to the Legislative Services Agency if the meetings are held at the Government Center.

The bill requires the ISDH to adopt rules by July 1, 2013, that establish a new licensure category for providers of services for individuals with brain injuries. The promulgation of rules is a routine administrative function of the ISDH that should be accomplished within the existing level of resources available to the agency.

However, adoption of rules for a new licensure category would be expected to result in additional enforcement activities for the ISDH. Inspection and enforcement activities would be contingent upon the existence of an operating facility and would be anticipated to require limited resources due to the specialized nature of the services.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency; Family and Social Services Administration; Indiana State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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