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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6093**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1021**

**NOTE PREPARED: Nov 4, 2012**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Prohibition Against Implementation of Agenda 21.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Neese

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an Indiana governmental entity may not adopt or implement: (1) certain policy recommendations relating to the United Nations' 1992 "Agenda 21" conference on the environment and development that deliberately or inadvertently infringe on or restricts private property rights without due process; or (2) any other international law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Indiana. It provides that an Indiana governmental entity may not enter into any agreement with, expend any sum of money received from, or pay any money to, an "Agenda 21 organization". The bill also provides that any such actions are void.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill prohibits the state and state agencies from entering into any agreement, expending any sums of money received from, or paying any money to "Agenda 21 organizations." The bill will not otherwise impact state expenditures.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary* - This bill prohibits political subdivisions from entering into any agreement, expending any sums of money received from, or paying any money to "Agenda 21 organizations." According to the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) USA's website, Bloomington, Muncie, and South Bend are members of ICLEI-USA. This bill would void their membership in this organization, and they would no longer pay annual dues. ICLEI-USA membership dues for local governments are based upon population. According to the ICLEI-USA website, local governments with

populations between 100,001 and 200,000, like South Bend, pay \$1,750 annually, while local governments with populations between 50,000 and 100,000, like Bloomington and Muncie, pay \$1,200 annually.

*Background Information* - The ICLEI is a nongovernmental organization and has 14 offices that provide services to 68 countries. ICLEI-USA works with more than 600 local governments in the United States. The ICLEI assists local governments with implementing concepts associated with Agenda 21, such as clean energy initiatives and sustainable development strategies based upon local priorities.

Agenda 21 was adopted by 178 countries at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992. It is a voluntary action plan that provides direction to all levels of government to address poverty, pollution, and the conservation of natural resources.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All.

**Information Sources:** ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA, <http://www.icleiusa.org/>; United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Agenda 21, <http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/>.

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