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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6421**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 147

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 11, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Improving the Status of Children.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lanane

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana (Commission). The bill requires certain departments, agencies, and boards to submit an annual report concerning the status of children to the Commission by June 30 of each year and to submit any other reports and information requested by the Commission. The bill also allows the Commission to request from other state agencies information and reports regarding matters related to children.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee.)

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill will increase state expenditures to provide per diem, travel allowance, and other expenses of the Commission. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with less than 16 members.

This bill will also increase the workload of the Legislative Services Agency to provide staffing for the Commission. Current staffing and resource levels should be sufficient to meet these responsibilities.

This bill will also increase the workload of the following state agencies to provide the Commission with annual reports regarding the status of children:

- (1) The Department of Education (DOE)
- (2) The Department of Correction (DOC)
- (3) The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)
- (4) The Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)
- (5) The Department of Child Services (DCS)
- (6) The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP)
- (7) The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
- (8) The Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals

Current staffing and resource levels should be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** DOE; DOC; CJI; DMHA; DCS; OMPP; ISDH; Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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