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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7027**  
**BILL NUMBER:** SB 323

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 18, 2013  
**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 24, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Battle Flag Preservation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Merritt  
**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Hamm

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill renames the Civil War Flags Fund as the Indiana Battle Flags Fund. The bill also specifies that the fund may be used to restore and preserve all Indiana battle flags (rather than only Civil War flags).

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Background Information:* At the end of FY 2012, the Civil War Flags Fund contained \$545 and had \$788 in expenses. The fund is administered by the Indiana War Memorials Commission to use in preserving Civil War flags.

The Indiana War Memorial reports funding for the Civil War Flags Fund in prior years was provided by private donations. Since 2008, the Indiana War Memorials Commission reports restoring approximately 20 Civil War-era flags out of 400 total flags.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Auditor's Data; Stewart Goodwin, Executive Director, Indiana War Memorial.

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