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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6546

BILL NUMBER: HB 1068

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 16, 2021

BILL AMENDED: Mar 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Local or Regional Justice Reinvestment Advisory Councils.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frye R

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Koch

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes a Local or Regional Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (local or regional advisory council) in each county in Indiana. It provides that the purpose of a local or regional advisory council is to review local or regional criminal justice systems, policies, and procedures. It provides that the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council shall assist local or regional advisory councils with promoting: (1) the use of evidence based practices; and (2) certain best practices of community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs. It also sets forth duties of local or regional advisory councils.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC):* The bill requires the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council to assist local or regional advisory councils in promoting evidence-based practices, community-based alternatives, probation services, problem solving courts, pretrial services, and mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services, recidivism reduction programs, and other rehabilitation alternatives. The JRAC should be able to accomplish this task within existing resources, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

JRAC is required to submit a final report containing its finding to the Department of Correction not later than December 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Local or Regional Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council:* This bill could increase local units' workload and expenditures. However, if counties combine local advisory councils

to serve multiple counties, it could reduce local units' workload and expenses.

The bill allows the community corrections advisory board to serve as the local advisory council. It also requires the local advisory council to prepare and submit an annual report to the JRAC not later than March 31 of each year.

Additional Information - The bill provides that the members of the local advisory council shall annually elect one member as chair and one member as vice chair.

The local advisory council would consist of 9 members:

1. in counties with a chief public defender, the county chief public defender or the county chief public defender's designee. In counties without a chief public defender, a public defender who practices public defense within the county appointed by the local public defense board. If there is no local public defense board, then a public defender who practices public defense within the county appointed by the circuit court judge;
2. the elected prosecuting attorney or the elected prosecuting attorney's designee;
3. the director of a local community mental health center or the director's designee;
4. the county sheriff or the county sheriff's designee;
5. the director of the county's community corrections program or the director's designee;
6. the chief probation officer or the chief probation officer's designee;
7. the president of the county executive or the president's designee;
8. the president of the county fiscal body or the president's designee;
9. a circuit or superior court judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units.

Information Sources:

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