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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6407**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1082

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2021

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** High Tech Crimes Unit Program.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Steuerwald

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the High Tech Crimes Unit Fund for the purpose of establishing up to 10 high tech crimes units that collectively represent the north, south, east, west, and central geographic areas of Indiana to enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to investigate, collect evidence, and prosecute high tech crimes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2021.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC) shall issue a request for proposals to select up to 10 counties in order to establish high tech crimes units under this bill. The bill also establishes the nonreverting High Tech Crimes Unit Fund for IPAC to provide assistance to prosecuting attorneys working in the high tech crimes units. The bill does not make an appropriation to the fund.

High tech crimes are criminal acts that are committed with or assisted by digital evidence, network, or communications technology.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** To establish high tech crimes units, prosecuting attorneys would have to seek approval from IPAC.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC).

**Local Agencies Affected:** Prosecuting attorneys.

**Information Sources:**

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