

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7356
BILL NUMBER: HB 1227

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Jail Commissary Fund Reporting.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dant Chesser
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a sheriff to provide a copy of a jail commissary fund's receipts and disbursements to the county fiscal body on a monthly basis, due not later than the fifth day of the following month. (Under current law, a copy must be provided on a semiannual basis, due on July 1 and December 31 of each year.) It requires a sheriff to appear in person before the county fiscal body once each year to present an annual report on a jail commissary fund's receipts and disbursements. It also makes a technical correction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could minimally increase the sheriff's administrative costs by requiring a monthly report on the jail commissary fund, rather than a semiannual report. It will also increase the sheriff's workload to present annually on the fund's receipts and disbursements.

Additional Information - The jail commissary fund is used for operations of a commissary, which provides merchandise for resale to inmates. Money in the fund may also be used to supplement regular funding for special training, equipment, certain activities, and other purposes that benefit the sheriff's department.

The table below shows the average annual expenditures and ending balance of the funds statewide.

CY	Counties Reporting	Expenditures		Ending Balance	
		Average	Range	Average	Range
2023	76	\$423,135	\$454 - \$2,349,379	\$194,441	\$2,289 - \$842,100
2022	82	\$426,427	\$453 - \$4,073,052	185,059	\$4,686 - \$779,387
2021	82	\$375,265	\$39 - \$2,868,963	\$220,741	\$0 - \$1,368,118

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local county sheriffs, county fiscal body.

Information Sources: County Annual Financial Reports, Indiana Gateway for Government on October 21, 2024.

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