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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6990

BILL NUMBER: HB 1235

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2024

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prohibited Causes of Action Concerning Firearms.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Jeter

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It provides that only the state of Indiana may bring or maintain an action by or on behalf of a political subdivision against a firearm or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, seller, or dealer, concerning certain matters.
- B. It prohibits a political subdivision from otherwise independently bringing or maintaining such an action. It specifies an exception.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Office of the Attorney General should have adequate resources to take any legal action. Any filings or continuation of an ongoing lawsuit against a firearm or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, seller, or dealer would be at the discretion of the Attorney General.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local units of government would no longer be permitted to bring or maintain any new or ongoing lawsuits against firearms or ammunition manufacturers, trade associations, sellers, or dealers.

Additional Information – One lawsuit is active in state courts. The city of Gary filed a lawsuit against Smith and Wesson Inc., Blythes Sport Shop, and other retail centers and manufacturers.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Attorney General

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government

Information Sources: City of Gary, Indiana v. Smith & Wesson Corp., et al. 18A-CT-00181

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