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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6734
BILL NUMBER: SB 9

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2020
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Passenger Rail Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana Passenger Rail Commission to do the following:

- (1) Facilitate development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail service in Indiana and the Midwest.
- (2) Coordinate interaction among federal, state, and local elected officials relating to passenger rail issues.
- (3) Facilitate development and implementation of long range plans for modern passenger rail service in Indiana and the Midwest.
- (4) Coordinate public and private sectors at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure cooperation among the various entities having an interest in passenger rail service and promote Indiana interests regarding passenger rail service.
- (5) Facilitate the efforts of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and other transportation agencies involved in developing and implementing passenger rail service in Indiana and the Midwest.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill will increase the workload of the INDOT Commissioner (or a designee) to serve on the Commission and will increase the workload of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD). Increases in workload are expected to be accomplished within existing resource and funding levels.

Additional Information - The bill establishes and specifies the duties and functions of the nine-member Indiana Passenger Rail Commission. The INDOT Commissioner (or a designee) is named as one of the members. Two representatives of NICTD are also named to serve on the Commission.

The Commission is authorized to establish an office and hire staff as necessary, but no state or local sources of revenue are identified in the bill to fund the Commission's work. The bill also specifies that the Commission may not borrow money, issue debt, but can accept funding from any federal, state, or local entity.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected: NICTD.

Information Sources:

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