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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6334

BILL NUMBER: SB 187

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 5, 2021

BILL AMENDED: Feb 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Protection of Monuments, Memorials, and Statues.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Koch

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill states the policy of the state of Indiana regarding the protection of monuments, memorials, and statues. It requires the State Police Department to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of persons who destroy, damage, vandalize, or desecrate a monument, memorial, or statue. It requires the State Police Department to assist political subdivisions in the investigation and prosecution of persons who destroy, damage, vandalize, or desecrate a monument, memorial, or statue.

The bill provides that it is state policy to withhold state support relating to public spaces for political subdivisions that fail to protect public monuments, memorials, and statues and from political subdivisions that have failed to protect public monuments, memorials, and statues from destruction or vandalism.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Investigations*– The Indiana State Police (ISP) does not currently investigate property damage of this sort, though it can assist in investigations when a local agency requests their support. ISP detectives possess the skills and equipment necessary to conduct these investigations, but the workload associated with the provisions of this bill may be in excess of what current ISP detectives can support. Personnel will either have to be shifted from other ISP operations or additional personnel hired in order to meet the increased workload. The actual impact of this bill is indeterminate at this time and will depend on the frequency and complexity of monument desecration cases.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Withholding of Funds*– This bill makes it the policy of the state to withhold funds from a local unit that fails to protect certain monuments, memorials and statues. Any change in funding provided to local units by the state would depend on future action by the legislature.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police; State agencies that provide grants to local units supporting public spaces.

Local Agencies Affected: Law enforcement agencies, units that receive grants from state agencies supporting public spaces.

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