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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7127

BILL NUMBER: HB 1128

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Independent Audit of Government Response to COVID.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Jacob

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the select COVID-19 Audit Commission to conduct an independent, in depth, and extensive audit of the COVID-19 state disaster emergency and the response of government and society to COVID-19. The bill makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary*— Total expenditures for the proposed commission are estimated at \$90,000 in FY 2022, \$0.35 M in FY 2023, and \$0.4 M in FY 2024. Expenditures would continue at approximately \$0.4 M assuming the commission continued operations in FY 2025. The funds to cover the expenditures of the commission would come from state General Fund appropriations.

Additional Information— When developing the estimated expenditures of the proposed commission, it was assumed that all three members of the commission would attend approximately 10 meetings per year and receive per diem and mileage for their service. Additional expenditure assumptions include salary and fringe benefits for a three-member staff to assist the commission (executive director, deputy director/analyst, and administrative assistant), office space rental, website development and maintenance by the Indiana Office of Technology, miscellaneous office supplies, computer purchases, and office furniture costs. Office space is assumed at 3,000 square feet with competitive rent in a downtown Indianapolis location. The executive director salary estimate is based on the average salary of all state governmental agency heads as of October 2021.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The Elkhart County Commissioner representing District 2 (or their designee) and the Hamilton County Sheriff (or their designee) would be members of the commission.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Office of Technology; General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected: Elkhart County; Hamilton County.

Information Sources: https://www.in.gov/idoa/files/RealEstateLease_2021AnnualReport.pdf; October 2021 state staffing report.

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