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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7061 BILL NUMBER: HB 1418 **NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 31, 2024 **BILL AMENDED:** Jan 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Forensic Diversion and Drug Courts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goss-Reaves FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Bohacek BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL X DEDICATED FEDERAL **IMPACT:** State & Local

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill provides that a pregnant woman charged with a drug crime may be referred to a forensic diversion program or a drug court at an initial hearing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Any increases in caseload for these courts and forensic diversion programs will be at the discretion of the judge overseeing the court with criminal jurisdiction and the prosecuting attorney in the county.

There are drug courts in 47 counties in Indiana. There are four counties with forensic diversion programs offered through their community corrections agencies.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Courts with criminal jurisdiction; prosecuting attorneys

Information Sources: Indiana Problem-Solving Court Program Directory - December 2023 https://courtapps.in.gov/reports/api/pscdirectory

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