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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1497

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2020

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Home Health Agencies.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Barrett

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill amends the definition of "home health agency", for purposes of the home health agency licensure laws, to provide that a person is required to provide or offer to provide nursing services and at least one home health service for compensation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill will have a workload increase for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) concerning home health agency (HHA) surveys to determine that nursing services are offered.

Additional Information - At the federal level, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services defines HHA as providing skilled nursing services. The ISDH reports that there are 326 licensed home health agencies (HHA) in Indiana. Upon applying for a license, the HHA will report the services offered and most report having nursing services.

Explanation of State Revenues: The state health commissioner may take actions for a violation regarding home health agencies ranging from issuing a letter of correction to imposing a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. If a deficiency is found, the filing of a plan of correction with the ISDH is required within 15 days.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Locally owned health facility operating HHA will have to offer nursing services (if not already offered) or may be subject to action by the ISDH.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Locally owned health facility operating HHAs.

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