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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7223

BILL NUMBER: SB 264

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Broadband Capacity Infrastructure Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Koch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill urges the Legislative Council to assign to the Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications the topic of the installation and leasing of broadband capacity infrastructure by investor owned electric utilities to broadband service providers for the provision of broadband Internet service to unserved and underserved areas in Indiana. It provides that if a study is assigned to the committee: (1) the committee must consider certain specified issues; and (2) an electric utility may submit to the committee, not later than July 1, 2021, a study concerning the feasibility of making available broadband capacity infrastructure for use by broadband service providers in providing broadband service in unserved or underserved areas in the electric utility's assigned service area.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Interim study committees operate on budgets established by the Legislative Council based on committee size. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$13,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$17,500 for committees with 16 members or more. If the Legislative Council were to assign this topic to the Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications and the committee were to have any extra meetings to address this topic, there would be additional expenditures for legislator per diem and travel reimbursement for the committee members. Any additional expenditures must be within the committee's budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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