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BILL NUMBER: HB 1067 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Reporting of Grocery Staple Pricing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Gore BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires: (1) a grocery chain that operates or franchises five or more retail food stores located in Indiana to report each month to the State Department of Agriculture (department) specified sales information regarding specified staple food items sold by the grocery chain in Indiana; and (2) the department to establish and maintain an online dashboard through which members of the public can view and compare the data reported. It also provides for enforcement of the reporting requirement by the Attorney General and specifies penalties for violations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Grocery Reporting:* The bill would increase the workload and expenditures of the State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to receive reports, establish and maintain an online dashboard, and adopt rules. Expenditure increases would be minor and mainly from data storage for the online dashboard. Otherwise, the workload increase should be done within current resources.

It is possible that the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) would store the data. Currently, IOT charges \$32.68 per database per month for database hosting and \$1.61 per gigabyte (GB) over 1 GB per month for data storage. In addition, IOT has services for business applications that may be used for the online dashboard.

Deceptive Acts: This bill adds to the list of unfair and deceptive acts that are actionable by the Attorney General. Agency workload could increase to investigate and prosecute allegations. The Attorney General should be able to enforce the bill's provisions within existing resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Deceptive Acts:* If the bill increases the number of deceptive acts discovered, General Fund revenue will increase. Actual increases in revenue are unknown but expected to be small. Deceptive acts discovered by the Attorney General carry a civil penalty up to \$5,000. In addition, there is a maximum \$1,000 penalty for every day the report is late and \$10,000 for willful reporting of false information.

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Court Fee Revenue: If additional civil cases occur and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund will increase. The total revenue per case would range between \$100 and \$122. The amount deposited will vary depending on whether the case is filed in a court of record or a municipal court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court Fee Revenue: If additional cases occur, revenue will be collected by certain local units. If the case is filed in a court of record, the county will receive \$32 and qualifying municipalities will receive a share of \$3. If the case is filed in a municipal court, the county receives \$20, and the municipality will receive \$37. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Agriculture; Office of the Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual. IOT Services Catalog - Fiscal Year 2026, https://www.in.gov/iot/files/IOT-Services-Catalog.pdf.

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