## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6353 NOTE PREPARED: Nov 29, 2025

BILL NUMBER: HB 1111 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Various Utility Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pryor BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

**X** DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill prohibits a utility from charging a customer a reconnection fee to restore terminated service to the customer. It also provides that an electric or gas utility may not terminate residential electric or gas service between June 21 and September 23 for residential customers whose residence includes a person who is: (1) 65 years of age or older; or (2) 16 years of age or younger. The bill also requires an electric or gas utility to identify new residential customers who are 62 years of age or older and to provide the identified customers with information concerning relevant assistance programs for seniors. The bill requires a public utility to provide a residential customer with a bill credit for an electric service interruption.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The workload of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority may increase in verifying the eligibility for the Home Energy Assistance Program if more individuals register for the program due to the expanded period of termination prohibition. It also increases the workload of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to adopt rules to implement the prohibition on utility disconnections.

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill requires municipal utilities identify customer accounts of individuals who are 62 years old or older and provide them with relevant assistance programs. The bill's requirements are within these utilities' functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

<u>Explanation of Local Revenues:</u> Fees collected by municipal utilities for disconnection and reconnecting will be reduced due to the prohibition on service disconnection for home energy assistance recipient and customers above 65 and below 16 years old.

<u>Additional Information</u> - Approximately \$528,000 in reconnection fees is estimated to be collected by municipal electricity utilities, \$6.41M by investor-owned utilities, and \$1.79 M by rural electric cooperatives

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in CY 2024.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority

**<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u>** Municipal Utilities

<u>Information Sources:</u> OUCC, Arrearage & Disconnection Data Reporting, <a href="https://www.in.gov/oucc/featured-topics/arrearage-and-disconnection-data-investigation/">https://www.in.gov/oucc/featured-topics/arrearage-and-disconnection-data-investigation/</a>

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