

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6638

BILL NUMBER: HB 1214

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Arrest Power.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Steuerwald

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED:

**GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an investigator appointed by a prosecuting attorney has the same police powers within the state if the investigator was previously employed as a law enforcement officer or a federal enforcement officer for at least five years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill expands the police powers of prosecuting attorney investigators (PAIs) for certain qualifying individuals. As a result, qualified PAIs would be authorized to make arrests across county lines, serve warrants and subpoenas, locate witnesses and victims, and conduct investigations beyond their county jurisdiction.

Under IC 33-39-4-1, an investigator appointed by a prosecuting attorney has the same police powers within the county as authorized by law for all police officers.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County prosecuting attorneys; prosecuting attorney investigators.

Information Sources: IC 33-39-4-1.

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