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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1321

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 20, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Use of Certain Food Additives.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hatcher

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the use of various food additives in Indiana.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Department of Health (IDOH):* The bill will increase workload for the IDOH to promulgate rules, update policies, provide guidance to local health officers, and to ensure compliance with the bill. IDOH existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions. [*The IDOH's administrative expenditures are currently paid from the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund, a dedicated fund.*]

Explanation of State Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* A person who recklessly violates the new restrictions on food additives established in the bill commits a Class B misdemeanor. If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. The total fee revenue per case would range between \$113 and \$138. The amount of court fees 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 criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill will increase workload for local health departments to update existing policies regulating foods and drugs.

Penalty Provision: A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions result in a guilty verdict, certain local units will collect more revenue. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health departments; trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual.

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