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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6171
BILL NUMBER: SB 13

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Dec 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Equipment Requirements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Doriot
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds an exception to certain motor vehicle equipment requirements for vehicle chassis that are a part of a vehicle manufacturer's work in process and are towed for a distance of less than 40 miles.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill could decrease Class C infraction violations for transporting a vehicle chassis that is under construction. The bill's potential impact on state revenue is expected to be minimal.

For decreases in court cases, revenue to both the General Fund from judgments would decrease. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500. The total court fee revenue per case would range between \$85.50 and \$103. Court fee amounts 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:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If there is a reduction in court actions occur where a judgment would have been entered, less revenue will be collected by certain local units. If the case is filed in a court of record, the county would have received \$33.90 and qualifying municipalities would have received a share of \$2.10. If the case is filed in a municipal court, the county would have received \$20, and the municipality would have received \$33.50. 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:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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

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