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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7395**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1631**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 6, 1999**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Railway safety.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** James Sperlik

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides the Department of Transportation with safety inspection authority for railroad rights-of-way, terminals, rail yards, and rail loading and unloading facilities. It provides that the Department may hold a hearing on a safety concern. The bill provides that after a hearing the Department may order the removal of a dangerous or an unhealthy condition.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill provides that the Department of Transportation may inspect railroad rights-of-way, terminals, rail yards, and rail loading and unloading facilities. The December 31, 1998, Manning Table for the Department of Transportation listed four employees in the Railroad Division. Presumably, it would be this division which would conduct any inspections required in this bill. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund. If additional personnel are needed, the funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of December 31, 1998, the Department of Transportation had 811 vacancies. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Transportation.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Department of Personnel's Manning Table.