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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6869

BILL NUMBER: HB 1681

DATE PREPARED: Mar 2, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Mar 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Professional Development Grant Program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill would create a Professional Development Grant Program (Grant Program), administered by the Indiana State Board of Education (the Board) to provide grants for public schools for professional development activities. It would require such schools to develop a professional development plan to be eligible to obtain grants, and would provide criteria for plan development and for the evaluation of plans. It would require the Board to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Depending upon the number of schools that would submit professional development plans, and upon available monies to fund the Grant Program, the Department of Education could experience a need for increased staff. These figures are currently indeterminable. However, 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.

Based on the 1/29/99 State Manning Table, the Department has 371 authorized positions of which 100 are currently vacant. For FY 1997-98, the Department reverted approximately \$23 M to the State General Fund.

No appropriation is made in this bill regarding professional development grants, nor does the bill state the amount of each professional development grant.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) School corporations would be able to receive professional development grants from the Grant Program. The effects of this bill would vary from school corporation to school corporation, and would depend upon local action.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Jeff Zaring, Department of Education (317) 232-6622; DOE SAS data sets.