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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8021

BILL NUMBER: HB 1891

DATE PREPARED: Mar 2, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Mar 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Waivers for early kindergarten enrollment.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Education to adopt rules concerning appeals for children who do not meet the age requirement for entrance into kindergarten or who transfer into an Indiana public school after having started kindergarten elsewhere.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Any additional costs to the state that are associated with this bill will depend on the additional number of kindergarten students who will be admitted at an earlier date than currently permitted by law. Each additional student who is admitted into kindergarten will increase the school corporation's average daily membership (ADM) by a one half count. Since average tuition support per ADM is \$2,871 in 1998, one additional kindergartner will mean an average cost of \$1,435.

Added ADM can also increase the costs that the state General Fund incurs in the school funding formula for: (1) at risk funding which depends on the socioeconomic status of the school corporation; (2) growing enrollment grants, if the school corporation is growing above a certain rate; (3) Primetime Funding if the school corporation participates in the Primetime Program and (4) the State Transportation Formula, if the child lives a certain distance from the school.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: School corporations, depending on their capacity may need to add classrooms and teachers and incur additional transportation costs if the schools add more students. The specific effects will vary by school corporation.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See State Expenditures.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations

Information Sources: Department of Education Data Bases