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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7895

BILL NUMBER: HB 1928

DATE PREPARED: Feb 16, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 15, 1999

SUBJECT: School corporation employees worker's compensation benefits.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides for continuation of health care benefits when a school employee of a school corporation has exhausted health care benefits under worker's compensation. It includes a plan of self-insurance within the scope of an insurance policy for a school corporation worker's compensation and industrial disease coverage. The bill also provides that a group health plan for a school corporation may not exclude injuries that occur in the course of activities for wage or employment, except to the extent that they are covered by the worker's compensation laws.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The bill would require group coverage policies for school corporations to cover secondary casual employment in their health plan. It would also requires a health insurer issuing a policy to a school corporation to continue payment of benefits for accident and sickness when a covered members worker's compensation coverage has expired. These provisions may increase the total benefits paid by health insurers, which could subsequently increase the cost of obtaining polices for school corporations.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

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