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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6350
BILL NUMBER: HB 1948

DATE PREPARED: Nov 19, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student instructional time.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a maximum of two days for parent and teacher conferences and two days for staff development activities count as student instructional days for purposes of the required 180 day school year. It requires the Department of Education to grant to a school corporation a waiver of two student instructional days from the required 180 day school year if the school superintendent cancels the days because of inclement weather.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: With either provision, school corporations would avoid transportation costs since children would be able to save the costs of transporting students on regular routes and not employ some hourly personnel who might need to be in the school when the students are present. The average daily cost of transporting students on regular route miles is \$1.4 million. School corporations would be able to save the costs of transporting students on regular routes and not employ some hourly personnel who might need to be in the school when the students are present. The average daily cost for all school corporations to transport students on regular route miles is \$1.4 million.

During the 1995-96 school year, 982 days of school were lost due to snow emergencies in 115 school corporations. Of these lost days, the Department of Education required the school corporations to make up 667 days but waived 315 of the days.

During the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years, few school corporations experienced the problems with school closings and inclement weather that occurred in the previous school year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations

Information Sources: Department of Education Data Bases, Bob Schweitzer, Department of Education