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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8168
BILL NUMBER: HB 1972

DATE PREPARED: Feb 26, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 1999

SUBJECT: School safety.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Governor's Council on Safe Schools. It requires each school corporation to designate a school safety specialist for the school corporation. It provides that a county may establish a County School Safety Commission, and requires the county commission to coordinate school safety plans for each school corporation represented by the commission and to make recommendations on various aspects of school safety. It provides that a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school may apply for a grant from the Safe School Fund for school safety, emergency preparedness, or safe haven programs. It establishes a school safety specialist training and certification program within the Department of Education.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Criminal Justice Institute would administer the monies to fund the safe haven, emergency preparedness, and school safety programs and for the school safety specialist training and certification programs. As amended, nonpublic schools would be able to apply for assistance from the Safe Schools Fund. In 1999, a reported 255 nonpublic schools are accredited with the Department of Education.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) School corporations would organize county school safety programs and designate an individual to serve as the school safety specialist for the school corporation.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Nonpublic Schools Association.