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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8154

BILL NUMBER: HB 2085

DATE PREPARED: Feb 26, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 1999

SUBJECT: Department of Workforce Development.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides limited worker's compensation coverage for unpaid student workers participating in school to work programs.

This bill amends the date that employer contributions for unemployment compensation are due.

This bill specifies that an individual working at least 40 hours in a week is not eligible for unemployment compensation.

The release of certain confidential information is allowed by the Department of Workforce Development to the State Department of Revenue and law enforcement agencies for legitimate governmental purposes.

This bill defines "legal process" for the purpose of withholding child support payments from unemployment compensation.

A State Workforce Development Fund is created and the bill specifies the purposes for which funds may be disbursed from the Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Currently, the Worker's Compensation Act grants limited coverage to specified classes of individuals not otherwise covered by the Act. This bill includes limited worker's compensation coverage for unpaid student workers participating in school to work programs. There are approximately 20,000 students that participate in school to work based learning programs. There could be an increase in the amount of benefits paid for worker's compensation. The fiscal impact is indeterminable and dependent on the type of industries that are involved in the school to work based learning programs.

The bill creates the State Workforce Development Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to combine, receive and disburse workforce development funds that currently exist as individual funds for specific programs or purposes. This provision does not require additional appropriations.

The remaining provisions of this bill have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Worker's Compensation Board; Department of Workforce Development; State Department of Revenue; State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Pat Murphy, Department of Workforce Development, (317) 233-1463.