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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7376
BILL NUMBER: SB 275

DATE PREPARED: Feb 10, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Feb 9, 1999

SUBJECT: High Speed Rail Commission.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill creates the High Speed Rail Commission to study high speed rail in the state. It provides for Commission membership and administration.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The High Speed Rail Commission is established to study high speed rail in Indiana. The newly created Commission consists of eleven members appointed as follows: three members of the Senate; three members of the House of Representatives; three members appointed by the Governor; one member representing the Indiana High Speed Rail Initiative appointed by the Governor; one member representing the United Transportation Union appointed by the Governor.

The Commission shall do the following:

- (1) evaluate existing studies that address the needs and viability of the high speed rail service in and through the state including the:
 - (A) Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;
 - (B) Federal Railroad Administration High Speed Rail Study; and
 - (C) the Indiana Passenger Rail Study;
- (2) survey the transportation needs of the state and assess how well current plans at the federal, state, and local levels meet the transportation needs of the state;
- (3) conduct public hearings throughout the state regarding high speed rail and allow public testimony;
- (4) represent the interests of the state in all major high speed rail studies; and
- (5) review other high speed rail issues identified by the Commission as requiring study.

The Commission may study other topics assigned by the Legislative Council or as directed by the Commission Chair. The Legislative Services Agency is to provide staff support to the Commission. The Commission is to submit a final report to the Legislative Council before November 1, 2001. The report must include an analysis of how transportation within the State would be affected by high speed rail and recommendations from the Commission for further action on high speed rail in the State.

The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the Commission are required for the Commission to take action on any measure, including the final report.

Over the last several biennia, interim study committees have been allocated \$9,000 per year for their work. These are from funds appropriated to the Legislative Council. The fund affected is the State General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency; Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Those agencies involved in high speed rail transportation.

Information Sources: