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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6766**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 389**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 23, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Railroad employee qualifications and work rules.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** James Sperlik

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill extends the scope of the statute that establishes certain work rules and standards for steam railroads to every railroad in Indiana that is more than 25 miles in length.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Northern Indiana Commuter District (NICTD) operates the South Shore Railroad. This electric railroad runs from South Bend Indiana to Chicago, Illinois. The specific fiscal impact of this proposal on the operation of the South Shore Railroad is difficult to quantify. However, it is possible that the provisions of this bill would require the South Shore Railroad to open its contract with the United Transportation Union to redefine certain positions in order to comply with the provisions of this bill.

The specific impact on NICTD and the operation of the South Shore Railroad will depend the number of positions which need to be redefined and the salaries involved. NICTD typically promotes five collector positions to either conductor or engineer each year. If this bill required adding a like number of positions for each promotion, the cost for each position is estimated at \$60,000 per year (salary and fringe benefits). This could increase NICTD's operating budget. NICTD receives funds from the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF), along with federal funds, and fare box revenues. They have received the following amounts from the PMTF over the last three years: 1996 \$2.7 million; 1997 \$2.8 million; 1998 \$3.1 million.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** John Parson, Director of Marketing for the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, 1-219-926-5744.