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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7025
BILL NUMBER: SB 391

DATE PREPARED: Dec 31, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Obsolete Statutes and School Report Cards.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill would do the following: 1) revise the reporting requirements for ISTEP and SAT test scores for school corporation annual performance reports and benchmarks to reflect current test scoring methods; 2) allow a school corporation to use large type and graphics when publishing the annual performance report, and would provide a method to compute costs for publication of the report; 3) allow a public school principal to appoint assistant or deputy treasurers to assist school treasurers in maintaining school extracurricular accounts (it would provide that the term "treasurer" include assistant or deputy treasurer appointments); 4) allow a school corporation to adopt textbooks that do not appear on the state adoption list without seeking a waiver from the Indiana State Board of Education; and 5) repeal the provision requiring a waiver from the Department of Education to adopt a textbook that does not appear on the state adoption list.

This bill would also make conforming changes to related laws by repealing provisions for the following programs that have expired, have not been funded, or are regulated by federal law: A) Inclusion School Pilot Program; B) Teacher Quality and Professional Improvement Program; C) Compulsory Attendance Exception; D) Governor's Scholars Academy; E) Innovative Education Grant Program; F) Art Education Grant Program; G) Committee on Educational Attitudes, Motivation, and Parental Involvement; H) Readiness Testing; I) Student Services Summer Institute; J) Early Childhood, Preschool, and Latch Key Pilot Programs; K) Anti-gang Counseling Pilot Program.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (1 & 2) Provision 1 would reduce the reporting requirements for

school corporations regarding the Performance Based Accreditation System. Provision 2 would not result in additional cost to school corporations since the charge for publishing an enhanced report would be regulated by current state law, and would remain proportional to the number of lines of regular reading matter that would have normally occupied the same space in the publication.

(3) Under current law, public school principals are required to appoint school treasurers to maintain school extracurricular accounts. School treasurers are appointed from existing school personnel, and maintain school extracurricular accounts in addition to their already existing duties at little or no additional cost to the school corporation. Currently, school corporations are not required to report school treasurer compensation figures to the State, therefore, statewide figures are not available at this time.

However, it is estimated that approximately 10% of Indiana's school corporations compensate their school treasurers for maintaining school extracurricular accounts. If schools within these school corporations appoint assistant or deputy treasurers in accordance with this bill, it is likely that the school corporations would experience a minimal cost increase to compensate its school assistant and deputy treasurers. These figures are currently indeterminable and would vary from school corporation to school corporation.

(4 & 5) These provisions would reduce administrative burdens to school corporations that decide to adopt textbooks not appearing on the state adoption list for textbooks. Cost savings would vary from school corporation to school corporation.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

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