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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7177

BILL NUMBER: HB 1267

DATE PREPARED: Feb 18, 2000

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2000

SUBJECT: School bus identification markings.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the State School Bus Committee (the Committee) to adopt and enforce rules requiring each new school bus to bear: (1) the name of the school district on the top of the school bus; and (2) the number of the school district on the back of the school bus in black letters that are four to six inches high.

Effective Date: (Amended) January 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Committee would not experience an increase in administrative time or cost regarding the provisions of this bill since school buses are inspected annually. Additional requirements could be added to school bus checklists at a minimal cost.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Public school corporations and private entities would be required to letter 1,400 to 1,500 newly purchased school buses each year (based on 10% of the currently existing fleet of school buses). Currently, there are approximately 14,000 to 15,000 school buses in existence (both public and private).

The approximate annual cost would range from \$27 to \$41 (per bus) for a total of \$39,515 to \$59,272 (based on "peel and stick" vinyl lettering costs of \$1.00 to \$1.50 and an average of 27 characters per bus). Existing staff could be utilized to apply lettering to each school bus.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State School Bus Committee, State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Pete Baxter, Chairman, State School Bus Committee (317) 232-0890; Bob Merchanthouse, Indiana Association of School Bus Distributors, Merchanthouse Transportation Sales, Inc., (800) 829-9687.