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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6615
BILL NUMBER: SB 213

DATE PREPARED: Dec 13, 1999
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School programs for high ability students.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a school corporation to have a local plan and local program for high ability students in grades 3 through 12 and provides a schedule for implementation of these programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Education would continue to administer the funding of high ability student programs, in accordance with current Indiana law, and would not experience additional administrative costs due to the provisions of this bill.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current Indiana law, school corporations *may* develop a local plan and program for high ability students and they are not required to continue such a program once it has been implemented. However, for the 1998-1999 school year, all 295 school corporations (including University Schools) submitted a local plan to the Department of Education in order to provide appropriate educational experiences to high ability students in kindergarten through grade 12. For the 1999-2000 school year, all but one school corporation submitted a local plan for a total of 294 school corporations.

This bill *requires* that all school corporations develop a local plan and program for high ability students in grades 3 through 12, and *allows* school corporations to do so for high ability students in kindergarten through grade 2. It also *requires* that all school corporations continue their programs once implemented.

This bill will not likely result in additional costs or administrative burden for the 294 school corporations that have already submitted local plans for the 1999-2000 school year, and currently provide an established program for high ability students in kindergarten through grade 12. Nor would it result in additional costs or administrative burden for the one school corporation that chose not to submit a plan for the 1999-2000

school year, but did so for the 1998-99 school year.

Although this bill does not allow school corporations to completely discontinue their respective programs, it provides a schedule of implementation by grade and by school year. In addition, it does not require school corporations to establish a program for kindergarten through grade 2.

The following table illustrates the schedule of grade 3 to grade 12 implementation:

GRADE	IMPLEMENTATION BY SCHOOL YEAR
Grades 3 through 5	2002-2003
Grades 6 through 8	2004-2005
Grades 9 through 12	2006-2007

For the current school year, the 294 school corporations that submitted a local plan are expected to receive approximately \$6 M from the Department of Education to fund high ability student programs in kindergarten through grade 12 in accordance with current Indiana law. (Public Law 273-1999 appropriated to the Department of Education \$6,859,129 for high ability student programs for FY 1999-2000.)

Explanation of Local Revenues: See Explanation of Local Expenditures.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Patti Garret, Department of Education, (317) 232-9106; DOE ORACLE data tables; and State of Indiana List of Appropriations.