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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6820**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1577**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2005**  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Written school withdrawals.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bright  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a student who seeks to withdraw from school before reaching 18 years of age or graduating to sign a written acknowledgment that the student and the student's parent or guardian understand that withdrawing from school is likely to reduce the student's future earnings and increase the student's likelihood of being unemployed in the future. The bill requires the department of education to develop guidelines for a school corporation to follow in implementing the written acknowledgment.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* Under the bill, the DOE would be required to develop guidelines for written acknowledgments by students withdrawing from school. The staff time that the DOE would take to develop the guidelines would be included in the agency's current budget.

*Background:* As of September 7, 2004, the Department of Education had 263 full-time staff members. For FY 2005, the Department has 272 budgeted full-time positions, 10 budgeted temporary positions, and 36 budgeted intermittent positions. The Department reverted \$4.3 M back to the state General Fund in FY 2004.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** State of Indiana *HRM Detail Staffing Report 9/07/2004*; Indiana State Budget Agency BUDSTARS; State Budget Agency: *General Fund, Property Tax Replacement Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004, And Summaries.*

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