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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7119
BILL NUMBER: SB 364

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2006
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Academic Progress Test.

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BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill replaces the ISTEP test program with the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment system. The bill repeals a definition concerning the ISTEP test program. The bill also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary: The cost to replace ISTEP with MAP assessments is currently indeterminable and will depend on future contractual arrangements between the Department of Education and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

It is likely a pilot examination would need to be administered to Indiana students to make a determination on the MAP's validity, reliability, and cut scores to meet the Indiana Academic Standard. Funds currently earmarked for ISTEP examination development and administration could be used as a funding source for the MAP. If current levels of funding for ISTEP were not sufficient to implement the MAP assessments, then ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background on the ISTEP Contract- The contract for the English/Language Arts and Math portions of ISTEP is \$26.9 M for FY 2006. The ISTEP contract to provide the English/LA and Math portions was \$26.5 M in FY 2005. The Science portion was \$2.5 M in FY 2005. The current ISTEP contract with CTB McGraw-Hill expires June 30, 2006.

Background on the Measures of Academic Progress Assessment- MAP assessments are offered in Reading, Language Usage, Math, and Science. The MAP, according to the NWEA, may be used as a diagnostic assessment tool and a measure of academic growth. Student scores are available at the conclusion of the examination. Classroom and school reports are available within a day.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Current ISTEP contract; NWEA website: www.nwea.org.

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