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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6879

BILL NUMBER: SB 345

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vocational Technical Proficiency Panel.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lubbers

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Cheney

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill repeals provisions establishing the Vocational Technical Proficiency Panel (also called the Workforce Proficiency Panel). It repeals a provision that requires the panel to adopt standards for postsecondary certificates of achievement for technical education programs. The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This panel has 9 members as of March 2005. Members receive reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses associated with their duties. The repealing of the panel could have a minor reduction in state expenditures.

Background: The panel's duties include the following:

1. Determine the essential and technical skills required to be effective in the various technical trades and professions.
2. Determine the statewide technical proficiencies of major occupational areas considered being necessary in the workforce.
3. Review existing vocational and technical education programs at the secondary and postsecondary level to determine whether these programs meet the essential skill and statewide technical proficiency standards determined by the panel and whether there exists duplication in programs or deficiencies in program alternatives at any level.
4. Improve technical proficiency based curricula for existing vocational programs.
5. To make available to the pilot workplace learning programs developed by the panel required essential skills and technical proficiencies in the major occupational areas.

6. To adopt the secondary level and postsecondary level technical certificate of achievement assessment instruments and standards under IC 20-32-3 and IC 20-12-1-10, respectively.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indian Workforce Proficiency Panel.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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