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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6154**  
**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1018

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 17, 2008  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Teacher Certification.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Smith V  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill allows an individual who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the individual present verification to the Department of Education (DOE) that the individual has: (1) successfully completed all other requirements of a teacher education program; (2) attained certain grade point averages; and (3) demonstrated a successful student teaching experience; as well as submitting letters of recommendation from certain faculty members.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* Teacher licence applicants pay to take the PRAXIS qualifying examination. Since applicants pay a private testing service for the examination, there would be no savings to the DOE for fewer examinations taken. However, the DOE would have to process certification documentation sent by teacher education schools within existing resources.

**Background Information-**

*Areas of Proficiency Certified by Teacher Education Schools Under Bill-* The areas of proficiency that could be certified by an applicant's school are basic reading, writing, mathematics, pedagogy, specialized teaching areas, phonemic awareness, and phonics instruction if seeking licensure as an elementary school teacher.

*PRAXIS Examinations-* PRAXIS examinations are given by ETS (the current PRAXIS vendor) to applicants directly at various colleges and universities in the state. The PRAXIS examination is offered in either paper/pencil or computer-based form. Applicants may retake the examination an unlimited number of times.

The registration fee of \$50 is annual and does not apply to the computer exams. The fee is \$40 per test area for the Praxis I (Academic Skills Assessment) paper/pencil examination. All three required categories (reading, writing, and mathematics) total \$120 in fees. Fees for computer-based tests are \$80 for one test, \$120 for two tests, and \$160 for three tests.

The following table shows the current questions, time limit, and cut-scores for both pencil/paper and computer versions of PRAXIS I.

Test Area	Number of Questions	Time To Complete	Cut-Score
Reading	46	75 min (Computer) 60 min (Paper)	176
Writing	44	38 min (Computer) 60 min (Paper)	172
Mathematics	46	75 min (Computer) 60 min (Paper)	175

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Educational Testing Service: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org); Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards website: [www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html](http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html); Indiana State Budget Agency: *General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries, June 30, 2008.*

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