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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1139

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Compact for Education for Military Children.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Reske

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill enacts the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. It provides for the coordination of efforts among state agencies and other states to facilitate the transfer of students of military families between schools, including the transfer of educational and other records. The bill provides for the recognition of coursework to facilitate timely graduation of students of military families.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would have the state join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The purpose of the compact is to:

1. Facilitate the timely enrollment of children of military families.
2. Facilitate the student placement process.
3. Facilitate the qualifications and eligibility for enrollment and participation in educational programs and extracurricular activities.
4. Facilitate the timely graduation of children of military families.
5. Provide for the adoption and enforcement of rules to implement the compact.
6. Provide for the uniform collection and sharing of information.
7. Promote coordination between the compact and other compacts affecting children of military families.
8. Promote flexibility and cooperation among the educational systems, students, and families to achieve educational success for the students.

The budget for the compact, nationwide, is estimated to be \$630,389. The proposed assessment is \$1 per

student covered by the compact. Based on 2006 data, Indiana had 933 children of military families between the ages of 5 and 18. Indiana's assessment would then be about \$933.

The bill also requires the state to have a state council consisting of at least:

1. The State Superintendent of Education.
2. The superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of students of military families.
3. A representative of a military installation.
4. A member of the legislative branch.
5. A member of the executive branch.

The impact would depend on the number of meetings the council might hold each year, but would probably be minor.

The bill requires the Governor to appoint a compact commissioner and the council to appoint a military family education liaison who would be ex officio members of the council. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the commission to be conducted by telecommunication or electronic communication. The impact would depend on if the state had to hire people to serve as the compact commissioner and education liaison or if the duties could be assigned to current employees.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local schools could incur some additional expense in complying with the compact. Schools would have to initially honor the academic placement of the student at the student's prior school and provide data on children of military families. The impact should be minor.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: <http://www.csg.org/programs/ncic/EducatingMilitaryChildrenCompact.aspx>

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