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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6489

BILL NUMBER: HB 1072

DATE PREPARED: Dec 2, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Respect by Students.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a student to use an appropriate respectful term when addressing or responding to a principal, member of the administrative staff, teacher, or other school personnel while on school property or attending a school-sponsored event. It provides that a student who does not use a respectful term is subject to the disciplinary procedures of the school corporation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: See Explanation of Local Revenues.

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Explanation of Local Revenues: *Analysis:* Indiana public schools could experience an increase in the number of students suspended or expelled if this new provision subjects more students to disciplinary procedures. Any additional expenditures or effect on tuition support funding would depend upon local action.

Depending on the date of expulsion with regard to the September student count for school funding formula purposes, school corporations could experience a slight decrease in school funding formula dollars. (Suspensions would not affect school funding formula student counts due to those counts being based on enrollment.) However, since students would need to be expelled before the count date, on or about September 15 of a new school year, it is not likely that expulsions would be of a significant number. In addition, school corporations would be able to keep dollars generated by the school funding formula for students expelled after the September count date.

Relevant Data: For the 2000 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 951,410

students, and public school enrollment totaled 988,065. Approximately 1,900 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 294 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1996 through 1999 (data for 2000 are not yet complete).

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1996-1999

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340
1996	227,326	8,982

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Peggy Gillespie, Department of Education (317) 232-0840; DOE ORACLE Data Tables and SAS Data Sets.