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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7079

BILL NUMBER: HB 1337

DATE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Screening Students for Asthma.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the State Department of Health and the State Board of Education to establish an asthma screening program for children. The bill requires the governing body of a school corporation to administer the asthma screening program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) and the State Board of Education (Board) to jointly adopt rules establishing an asthma screening program for children enrolled in the first grade and other children suspected of having asthma. The rules are required to include requirements for screening equipment, qualifications of screening personnel, screening procedures, and criteria for failure of screening tests and referral standards. Both state agencies would incur administrative costs associated with the rule development and rule promulgation process.

The bill also requires both agencies to receive the records of asthma screenings performed each year. The specific responsibilities of the agencies with regard to further analytical responsibilities are not specified. Once received, these records would need to be stored in accordance with the state's records retention policy.

See *Explanation of State Revenues* regarding participation in the Medicaid program.

Explanation of State Revenues: Whether the asthma screening activities would be reimbursable under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) provisions of the Medicaid program is not known. Medicaid program qualification would likely depend upon the rules that are promulgated, as well as the decisions by local school corporations to participate in the Medicaid program as providers.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill requires that the governing bodies of local school corporations are required to administer an asthma screening program as established in rules, to children enrolled in the

first grade and for other children suspected of having asthma. There were 79,187 first graders enrolled in 1,479 public schools with elementary enrollments in 2001. The cost of the asthma screening program would be dependent upon the requirements imposed by the rules of the DOH and the Board.

This bill does not provide any funding for this program. Whether the asthma screening activities would be reimbursable under the Medicaid EPSDT provisions is not known. Medicaid program qualification of any expenditures would likely depend upon the rules that are promulgated, as well as the decisions by local school corporations to participate in the Medicaid program as providers.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of State Revenues* regarding participation in the Medicaid program.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Health; State Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local school corporations.

Information Sources: Phyllis Lewis, School Nurse Consultant, Department of Education, (317)232-9142; “*Education in Indiana: Facts and Statistics*”, March 2001, Indiana Department of Education.