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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6196
BILL NUMBER: SB 170

DATE PREPARED: Oct 31, 2001
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Labor Movement Education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the mandatory school corporation curriculum for social studies and citizenship in grades 8 through 12 must include the history and role of labor organizations in the free enterprise economic system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: If current state academic standards are not sufficient in covering the history and role of labor organizations, the Indiana Department of Education may face additional administrative costs of an indeterminable amount in order to comply with the bill.

The Department of Education already has a staff member dedicated to the area of Social Studies Curriculum. The Department foresees the following costs if additional compliance efforts are necessary: printing and distribution (including postage for mailing) of a revised academic standards document for grades K-8 and grades 9 through 12.

Background: The *Indiana Academic Standards for Social Studies* was released in August 2001. *Standards for Social Studies* specifically lists Samuel Gompers, first president of the American Federation of Labor, as a study topic at the eighth grade level.

At the highschool level, *Standards for Social Studies* lists several persons, groups, and key events to be studied under Standard 2 (Development of the Industrial United States 1870-1900) from the United States History class module. Included in the listed groups to be studied are the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Given the current state academic standards, schools already include some topics on labor history in social studies and citizenship courses for grades 8 through 12. However, the proposal may require more comprehensive teaching in the area of labor movements than what is currently taught in the schools. It is unlikely that schools would require staff increases to implement the bill; however, schools may experience additional administrative costs to cover additional instructional materials or supplements.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Terry Spradlin, Indiana Department of Education, (317) 232-6671; Indiana Department of Education website: www.doe.in.us; United States Department of Labor.