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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7159**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1166

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Training in special education.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Duncan

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that training requirements for renewal of a teacher's license must include training in special education.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill requires the Professional Standards Board to adopt rules requiring a teacher to complete two hours of training in special education before a teacher's license can be renewed. The Board could incur some additional expense in adopting the rule but could probably absorb the increase in their current budget.

Colleges and entities providing programs for teacher renewal could also incur some additional expense in creating a two-hour training program in special education or incorporating the two-hour requirement in current courses. However, since the teacher pays for the courses, any increase would probably be recovered in increased fees.

The training requirements that for renewal of a teacher's license, training must include special education does not apply if the teachers completes the requirements for renewal before June 30, 2004.

*Background:* To renew a teaching license, a teacher must take 6 semester hours of course work or 90 Continuing Renewal Units (CRU) within the preceding 5 years (15 CRUs equal one semester hour). The renewal courses and the CRUs must be approved by the Professional Standards Board.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Professional Standards Board, State Universities.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Professional Standards Board website, [www.in.gov.psb](http://www.in.gov.psb).

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