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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6885

BILL NUMBER: HB 1392

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 16, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Railroad Grade Crossing Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Saunders

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that money in the Railroad Grade Crossing Fund (RGCF) may be used for maintenance and improvement of roads and highways occupied by railroad tracks.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current statute, the Railroad Grade Crossing Fund may be used by the Department of Transportation for passive railroad safety improvement projects by units of government and railroad companies, such as illumination, pavement markings, median barriers, sight obstruction removal, signage, and other safety improvement measures. This proposal expands the uses of the fund. As of December 15, 2004, the balance in the RGCF was \$548,934.

The balance of money in the RGCF does not revert to the state General Fund at the close of any fiscal year, but remains available to the Department of Transportation.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Those entities which apply for RGCF.

Information Sources: Auditor's data.

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