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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7311**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 433

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 5, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 26, 2005

**SUBJECT:** State Poet Laureate.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lubbers

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Behning

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes a process for selecting a state Poet Laureate. The bill specifies the duties and compensation of the Poet Laureate. The bill provides that the person honored as the Poet Laureate by the House of Representatives in 2002 is entitled to serve as the initial Poet Laureate.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** All expenses and other payments are made from appropriations to or other funds of the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission Administration appropriation for the FY 2005 biennium was \$3,617,337 per year. The balance in the Arts Commission Trust Fund was \$556,783 as of December 15, 2004.

*Selection Committee:* The bill would establish an eight-member selection committee made up of an executive director and one faculty member in the fine arts or English departments from various colleges and universities in Indiana. The faculty member would be appointed by the president of the institution represented. The selection committee would meet biennially to select the Poet Laureate.

Members of the selection committee may receive travel expense reimbursement, if they do not receive reimbursement from their institution.

*Poet Laureate:* The Poet Laureate would make formal appearances at schools, libraries, and other educational facilities; offer advice to the Arts Commission about poetry; and represent the state and the art of poetry to the educational community and public. The Department of Education would help schedule the Poet Laureate

appearances at education facilities. The Arts Commission may pay the Poet Laureate an annual honorarium of \$2,500 per year for the two-year term. In addition to paying the expenses for the Poet Laureate, the Arts Commission may pay a per diem for appearances. As the Poet Laureate selected by the House of Representatives in 2002 would serve as the first state Poet Laureate, expenditures would begin upon the effective date of the bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education; Arts Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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