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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6898**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1246

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 27, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Student Graduation Plan and Online Learning.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Austin

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Lubbers

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill does the following.

*Concurrent Enrollment Partnership:* This bill establishes the concurrent enrollment partnership to coordinate dual credit programs among Indiana high schools and state educational institutions.

*Graduation Plan:* The bill changes the student career plan to the student graduation plan.

*Education Matters:* This bill creates an interim study committee on K-12 education matters.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Education Matters:* This bill establishes an Interim Study Committee on Education Matters. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members.

The committee is to review and make recommendations on:

1. The availability of virtual learning in Indiana.
2. How virtual learning services are provided by other states.
3. Standards of quality and alignment with Indiana's content standards.
4. Accreditation standards and pricing for virtual learning opportunities.
5. Funding for students enrolled in full-time and part-time virtual learning programs.
6. Other issues.

*Concurrent Enrollment Partnership:* The bill creates the Indiana Concurrent Enrollment Partnership to foster innovation and collaboration among state educational institutions and school corporations. The partnership is to develop a plan to align dual credit programs and make available to each high school up to five postsecondary courses. The partnership membership is to include:

1. Concurrent enrollment directors from each state educational institution.
2. Person appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
3. Person appointed by the Commission for Higher Education.
4. Person appointed by the Indiana Association of School Business Officials.
5. Person appointed by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.
6. Person appointed by the Indiana Association of School Principals representing a secondary schools.
7. An individual appointed by the Indian Non-Public Education Association.
8. An individual appointed by the Independent Colleges of Indiana.
9. A high school teacher participating in a concurrent enrollment program appointed by the principal of the high school with the largest enrollment in the concurrent enrollment program.

The Commission for Higher Education is to provide staff and budgetary support. The partnership would be funded within the Commission's current resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Graduation Plan:* The bill changes the name of the career plan to the graduation plan and has the plan to begin in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade instead of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The fiscal impact of the change should be minor.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** See *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education, State Educational Institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

**Information Sources:**

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