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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1289

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 30, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Mar 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Crawford

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Breaux

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals (Board) to coordinate the delivery of services to vulnerable individuals in need of services. The bill requires the Board to oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services.

The bill also requires a school corporation, in its local plan to provide appropriate educational experiences to high ability students, to include best practices to increase the number of participants in high ability student programs who are from racial and ethnic groups that have been under-represented in those programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill creates the Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals as well as duties required to be fulfilled by the board. The bill specifies 16 board members, all of whom are either state employees or serve in some capacity to the state. The Board is required to meet every two months, but can meet more often. The Board can be expected to meet a minimum of six times per year under the requirements of the bill.

The bill is silent on reimbursement for state employees that serve on the Board. However, the legislation provides that the Governor shall appoint and approve the salary of a Director for the Board. The State Budget Agency (SBA) is required to set the salary of the Director. Additionally, if the Director receives approval from the Governor and SBA, the Director may appoint staff to fulfill the duties of the board. The bill is silent on any salary the staff may receive.

This bill will increase state expenditures to provide salary to the Director of the Board. Expenditures will depend on the salary that SBA establishes. Additionally, it will be at the Director's discretion on who to select to fulfill staffing requirements for the Board. If a state employee is chosen to serve as Board staff, this will impact agency workload. Impact on state workload depends on decisions made by the Director, affected state agencies, the Governor, and SBA.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill requires local school governing bodies to incorporate best practices to increase the number of participants in high ability student programs from racial and ethnic groups that have been under-represented in these programs. This will increase the workload of local school governing bodies. Increases in workload are expected to be minimal.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Governor, SBA, Family and Social Services Administration, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Child Services, Department of Correction, Criminal Justice Institute, Department of Workforce Development, State Personnel Department, Civil Rights Commission, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Indiana Judicial Center.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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