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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6321**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 84**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2010**

**BILL AMENDED: Jan 28, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** General Assembly Access to Research Resources.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Delph

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Dvorak

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill requires state educational institutions to make research tools used by state educational institutions available to legislators and staff of the Legislative Services Agency. It provides that a state educational institution is not required to expend additional funds or violate the terms of a subscription agreement to provide the research tools.

The bill urges the Legislative Council to: (1) provide information and training concerning INSPIRE to legislators and staff; (2) request the Legislative Services Agency to conduct a survey of legislators and staff regarding research tools; and (3) request the Legislative Services Agency to study the feasibility of establishing a Division of Research and Policy Development within the agency.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Legislative Services Agency:* The bill provides for LSA to conduct the following research during 2010 and 2011. Under the bill, LSA would conduct the studies described in (1) and (3) only if the Legislative Council directs it to do so.

(1) The bill urges the Legislative Council to request that LSA conduct a survey of legislators and staff to determine current utilization of research resources and need for access to additional research resources.

(2) The bill requires LSA to gather information on the research resources that are available at the State Library, the Supreme Court Library, and each state educational institution.

(3) The bill urges the Legislative Council to request that LSA, together with the Indiana University School

of Law - Indianapolis, study the feasibility of and interest in establishing a research and policy development division within LSA. The bill provides that the study estimate the cost of establishing this division.

The bill requires LSA to report the results of the survey described in (1) and the information gathering described in (2) to the Legislative Council no later than July 1, 2010. Under the bill, the study described in (3) would have to be completed by July 1, 2011, when the provision expires.

While the tasks outlined in the bill could be completed by LSA with existing personnel and resources within the time frame required by the bill, this will divert LSA personnel from other interim staffing and research assignments.

(Revised) *Indiana State Library*: The bill urges the Legislative Council to provide information and annual training to members and staff concerning the availability and use of the Indiana State Library's INSPIRE data bases. The State Library currently provides information and training relating to INSPIRE, so annual training for legislators and staff could be done by the State Library at no additional cost.

(Revised) *State Educational Institutions*: The bill would not result in any fiscal impact for state educational institutions.

Under the bill, state educational institutions must provide legislators and LSA staff with access, free of charge, to state educational institution research tools as long as the use of the research tools is related to carrying out the official duties of a state legislator. However, the bill provides that state educational institutions are not required to expend additional funds or violate subscription agreements in providing access to research tools. The bill also exempts from the access requirement research tools purchased through a grant or other source that limits access in a way that would make granting access under the bill a violation of the grant or agreement covering the payment for the research tool.

The bill defines a research tool to include: (1) online research services; (2) online and hard copy subscriptions to publications; and (3) any other source of information used for research available to an educational institution.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State educational institutions; General Assembly, Legislative Services Agency; State Library; Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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