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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7205**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 574

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Rescoring of ISTEP responses.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Waltz

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a school corporation to request a rescoring of a student's responses on an ISTEP test in the same manner as a student's parent may request a rescoring.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Under current law, the parent of student may request that the student's ISTEP test be rescored. This bill permits a school corporation to also request a rescore. Rescore requests are covered under the ISTEP contract (there is no cost to the parent for requesting a rescore). There would be no additional cost to the state because of this provision.

**Background Information:** According to the Department of Education, for students taking the ISTEP, the local school submits the items to be rescored on behalf of the parent. For End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs), the Graduation Qualifying Exam for seniors, the school forwards to parents a login and password to a secure site. A parent can then login and request a rescore. Only questions in the Applied Skills portion of the test are eligible for rescore.

Parents are not charged for these requests, and there is no limit to the number of requests. In 2011, approximately 36,000 rescore requests on the ISTEP were submitted; about 1,500 ECA requests were submitted. Results are usually available within six weeks.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Refer to *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** Brandon R. Dickinson, Deputy Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Education, 317-234-6014; ISTEP+ Program Manual.

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