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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6769**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1137

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 29, 2024

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Civics Education and Religious Instruction.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Culp

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill sets forth certain requirements concerning civics education. The bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Civic Education Commission and the Indiana Bar Foundation, to report certain information and recommendations related to civics education to the General Assembly. It requires a principal to allow a student to attend religious instruction conducted by certain entities following the principal's receipt of written notice from the student's parent. It provides that a student must not be habitually truant and be in academic good standing to be released.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2024.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop methods to provide parents, students, educators, and schools with affordable civics based reading instruction materials. DOE, in consultation with the Indiana Civic Education Commission and the Indiana Bar Foundation, will also prepare a report concerning civics based reading instruction materials by September 1, 2024. The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Provisions in this bill require public schools to assist in coordinating when a student will receive outside religious instruction, if requested by the student's parents. This represents a minor workload increase that is within a public school's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and

resource levels.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education; Indiana Civic Education Commission; Indiana bar Foundation.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:**

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