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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6837**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 211**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2024**  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Various Education Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Raatz  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Education to establish a Civics Seal Program (program) and make certain determinations concerning the program. The bill prohibits formal collective bargaining between a school corporation and the exclusive representative from beginning before October 1.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Beginning in FY 2025, provisions in the bill require the Department of Education to establish the Civics Seals Program that will recognize schools, teachers, and students for excellence in civics. 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:** Certain charter schools could experience a minor workload decrease under the bill.

*Additional Information* - A charter school corporation is defined under this bill as a collection of charter schools operated by the same organizer under a single charter. Beginning in FY 2025, charter school corporations under this bill would no longer be required to maintain separate accountings of all funds received and disbursed by each charter school it holds.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

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

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations who conduct collective bargaining negotiations; charter school corporations.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Education Employment Relations Board.

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