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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Martinez DATE TYPED: 03/04/01 HB 545
 SHORT TITLE: Instructional Driving Permits SB _____
 ANALYST: Rael

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		See Narrative		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)
 State Department of Education (SDE)
 State Highway and Transportation Department (SHTD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Instructional Driving Permits bill would require teens under the age of 18 who wish to obtain a driving permit or provisional license to be enrolled in and attending school as well as being enrolled in a state-approved driver education course.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See Administrative Implications.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed bill will require MVD employees to verify school records and attendance. Depending on how the proposed statute is interpreted, MVD's administrative costs could be very high.

Any fiscal impact to the schools would depend on the documentation process required by MVD to verify enrollment.

This bill could have the effect of requiring private driving schools to obtain certification by the state. This in turn could have an administrative impact.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

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1. The language of the bill presumes that all persons between the ages of 15 and 18 are students. The Compulsory School Attendance Act, Section 22-12-2, requires that persons attend school until the age of 18, but allows for exclusion from this provision for certain circumstances such as graduation, or employment or alternative education at age 16, with both parental and local district consent.
2. There is some question regarding how the MVD would verify school enrollment.
3. The proposal would require school attendance and enrollment only at the time of application for driver's licenses. Enrollment and attendance is not required after the permit or license is issued.

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