

FISCAL NOTE

SB 140 - HB 594

February 12, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts state-maintained roads from the requirement that Class III (short-line) railroads maintain public crossings, between the rails and for ten feet on either side, of all roads.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,300,000

Assumptions:

- Current law requires every entity operating a railroad line within the state to maintain all public road crossings for a distance of ten feet on each side of such railroad track and between the rails thereof.
- For roads that are maintained by the state, and where a Class III (short-line) railroad has a crossing, the state would be required to pay for such maintenance and repair.
- Approximately 200 grade crossings for Class III railroads are repaired annually.
- Approximately 10% are on roads maintained by the state.
- Average cost of repair, including traffic controls, signs, and detours, is estimated at \$65,000.
- Estimated increase in state expenditures is \$1,300,000 (\$65,000 average cost X 20 crossing repairs).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director