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House Bill 197 requires the State to reimburse a county board for certain payments on a certain application for reimbursement; requiring a county board to pay up to \$300 for one certain exam per school year for certain students; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; etc.

PSSAM appreciates the intent of and fully **supports** House Bill 197.

Local school superintendents continue to struggle with school budgets that do not meet the needs of our at-risk students. Therefore, we greatly appreciate any proposed legislation that lessens our budgetary obligations.

House Bill 197 provides that a local school system will be reimbursed up to \$300 for our most at-risk students who take one of the following exams – Advanced Placement, Industry Certification for a Career and Technology Education Program of Study, or International Baccalaureate. Local superintendents appreciate this reduction in our costs which will result in additional funds that will be available to help finance other vital programs that benefit our students. PSSAM thanks the sponsor of House Bill 197 and looks forward to the fiscal year when the legislation will go into effect.

PSSAM fully **supports** House Bill 197 and urges a favorable committee report.