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L.D. 2218

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1623, L.D. 2218,
Bill, "AN ACT to Require Full State Funding of any
Legislative Mandate."

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Amend the bill in subsection 3 by striking out all
of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the
following:

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'3. Mandated programs. Any legislation containing a state mandate enacted by the Legislature after January 1, 1989, which requires additional funding, shall contain provisions for full funding by the State for 2 years, after which the legislation shall contain full funding through the School Finance Act of 1985, as amended. The funding requirements to implement the mandate must be identified. Any such legislation for which full state funding is not provided may not be enacted.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to require full state funding of a state educational mandate at the time of enactment. This will require the Legislature to fully consider the merits of such a mandate as compared to its costs. It would avoid the probability under the present language of the bill of failing to consider the cost until after the mandate is enacted.

