

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 556 requires the provision of telehealth medical and behavioral health services for children in public schools. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the State Department of Education (NDE) are to collaborate on rules and regulations. Telehealth services received by a child at a public school are eligible for medical assistance coverage (Medicaid) as are transmission and related services for telehealth services.

Each behavioral health region is to establish a development team to expand access to children’s behavioral health services. The teams are to be advisory to HHS and NDE, provide education and training for educators on children’s behavioral health, and identify strategies to include families in behavioral health interventions for children.

The bill changes current law to require an additional physical for children in the ninth grade. The physical shall include a behavioral health screening. It also expands current law to provide that the physicals currently required prior to the beginner grade and seventh grade include a behavioral health screening. HHS is to provide training to health care professionals on providing child behavioral health screenings.

HHS Expenditures: HHS will have increased expenditures of an unknown amount to pay for telehealth medical and behavioral health services provided to children in public schools. The cost of telehealth services in school districts is dependent upon the number of youth served, the providers utilized, rates charged by providers and telehealth transmission costs.

If a substantial number of youth are provided behavioral health services pursuant to the bill, the cost to provide telehealth services could be significant. However, the use of telehealth services may to some degree offset current costs incurred to provide behavioral health services to these youth. HHS has not estimated the cost to the department to provide services pursuant to the bill at the time this fiscal note was submitted.

It is assumed the department will have increased expenditures to expand community-based services provided by regional behavioral health authorities to provide support in the public schools. The behavioral health regions may also incur minimal expenses to establish implementation and development teams.

HHS will also have an unknown amount of increased costs to train health care professionals to provide child behavioral health screenings in school physicals. Any increased costs of school physicals pursuant to the bill will be paid by the parent or guardian of the child being examined.

NDE Expenditures: NDE estimates a minimal cost to develop rules and regulations pursuant to the bill. It is assumed the department can handle this activity with existing staff and resources.

School Districts: The bill requires a school nurse, counselor or other person familiar with a child’s treatment plan to be present with a child at the public school site where telehealth services are delivered. The workload for school district personnel involved in the delivery of telehealth services will increase. It is unknown whether the workload increase to implement the bill will be such that an increase in school district staff will be necessary to facilitate the delivery of telehealth services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 556	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Education
REVIEWED BY: Elton Larson	DATE: 1/30/13	PHONE: 471-4173
COMMENTS: Negligible fiscal impact.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 556 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Nebraska Department of Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2013-2014</u>		<u>FY 2014-2015</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>\$650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

Fiscal Impact on NDE: NDE is charged with adopting and promulgating rules and regulations to carry out this bill.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Benefits.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating.....			<u>\$650</u>	<u>0</u>
Travel.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Aid.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital improvements.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL.....			<u>\$650</u>	<u>0</u>