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LB 998

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ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT - STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		_		

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

LB 998 creates the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program. The goal of the program is to provide a social worker in each educational service unit (ESU) to train school personnel and to work with parents, schools, behavioral and mental health care providers and other community resources to provide timely, effective and family-centered services.

The bill establishes a Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Fund which is to be administered by the ESU Coordinating Council. The fund is to consist of money donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions from private sources. The State Investment Officer is responsible for investing the proceeds of the fund.

When the fund reaches a balance of at least \$3.6 million, the ESU Coordinating Council is to begin implementing the program by employing a coordinator for the program. The ESU Coordinating Council or an ESU may also employ a social worker pursuant to the program. The program terminates on July 1, 2022.

<u>Cash Fund Fiscal Impact</u>: It is assumed that any revenue accruing to the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Fund will be appropriated to the State Department of Education which will allocate the proceeds of the fund to the ESU Coordinating Council at such time when the fund reaches \$3.6 million.

<u>ESU Fiscal Impact</u>: There is no fiscal impact in terms of increased cash fund expenditures for the ESU's until the fund reaches \$3.6 million, at which time the implementation of the program will begin. The ESU Coordinating Council will use the fund to employ a coordinator for the program and social workers may also be hired. Based on the termination date in the bill, if \$3.6 million of private funds are received, then the program may be operated for up to four fiscal years.