

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated on February 26, 2020

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill requires that all inmates within the Department of Correctional Services be screened for traumatic brain injury, developmental disability, and severe mental illness. The bill also creates a presumption, for any inmate who receives a presumptive positive result on such a screening test, that the inmate is a member of a vulnerable population for the purposes of determining their eligibility for placement in restrictive housing.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) estimate is summarized in the following table:

ITEMS	FY2020-21	FY2021-22	FY2020-21	FY2021-22
	Number of Positions		Expenditures	
Licensed Psychologist: perform required screenings, and administrative and reporting functions	1.00	1.00	65,431	65,431
Benefits			22,901	22,901
Programming costs to create electronic tracking system for screenings			200,000	0
Contract with 3 Licensed Psychologists for 6 months to perform screenings on every inmate that has not been screened			468,000	0
Assessment kits, forms, and related expenses			5,444	3,702
TOTAL	1.00	1.00	761,776	92,034

It has come to the attention of LFO that DCS currently screens for traumatic brain injury, developmental disability, and severe mental illness. Therefore, there would be no additional costs incurred by DCS under the provisions of this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 786	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (046)	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 1/23/2020	PHONE: (402) 471-4178	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimate of potential Fiscal impact to the Agency from LB 786.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 786

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2020-21</u>		<u>FY 2021-22</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>761,776</u>	<u> </u>	<u>92,034</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>761,776</u>	<u> </u>	<u>92,034</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 786 changes provisions relating to restrictive housing and requires screenings of inmates for serious mental illness, developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries.

NDCS has identified evidenced based screening tools that we feel meet the intent of LB 786. NDCS estimates that an additional 1.0 FTE Licensed Psychologist will be needed to perform the required screenings and the administrative and reporting functions.

Initial operating expenses include: \$200,000 in programming costs to create an electronic tracking system for the screenings and \$468,000 to contract three Licensed Psychologists for six months to perform screenings on every inmate in custody that has not been so screened.

Additional operating costs in each year include assessment kits, forms and related expenses.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Psychologist, Licensed	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>65,431</u>	<u>65,431</u>
Benefits.....			<u>22,901</u>	<u>22,901</u>
Operating.....			<u>673,444</u>	<u>3,702</u>
Travel.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital outlay.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u>761,776</u>	<u>92,034</u>