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LB 202

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Revised based on new information

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$341,896		\$452,529	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$341,896		\$452,529	

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

This bill extends the Bridge to Independence Program to juveniles leaving probation if a court finds the juvenile cannot return to their family home.

There would be approximately 30 young adults who would qualify for the Bridge to Independence Program under the provisions of this bill. The monthly stipend is \$823. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed the program would be implemented on October 1, 2022. The cost for nine months in FY 2023 would be \$222,210 and \$296,280 in FY 2024. Approximately four youth would qualify for an additional \$246 for their child. The additional costs would be \$8,856 in FY 2023 and \$11,808 in FY 2024. Federal funding may be available to offset a portion of these costs.

To qualify for federal transitional assistance, the following requirements must be met: 1) have a judicial determination regarding “reasonable efforts” and “contrary to welfare,” 2) have a voluntary placement agreement, 3) be the responsibility of the Title IV-E agency, 4) meet the family income qualifications of the Aid to Dependent Children Program and 5) reside in a licensed foster home or child care institution. Two states have federal approval to claim Title IV-E transitional funds for youth leaving probation using a specific judicial and referral process that allow for access of the federal funds. It’s unclear if the process in LB 202 is aligned closely enough to that used in the other states to claim federal funding. If it is deemed to meet the requirements, the estimated amount of federal funds available would be \$39,512 FY 2023 and \$52,683 in FY 2024.

The Department of Health and Human Services would need two children and family services specialists. The costs would be \$110,830 in FY 2023 and \$144,441 in FY 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 202	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 12-13-2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.			

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 360,223		\$ 480,277	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 360,223	\$ 0	\$ 480,277	\$ 0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 202 would allow juveniles exiting probation at age 19 to be eligible for the Bridge to Independence extended foster care program. Approximately 30 individuals could be eligible for this provision. A monthly aid stipend of \$823 beginning in October 2022 would require \$222,210 of state funds for SFY 2023 and \$296,280 in state funds for SFY 2024. Approximately four juveniles could receive additional maintenance payments of \$246 per month for their child and would require \$8,856 of state funds for SFY 2023 and \$11,808 of state funds for SFY 2024.

The Department would require two additional Child and Family Services Specialists by September 2022 to service the additional cases. The total cost for additional staff would be \$129,157 in SFY 2023 and \$172,209 in SFY 2024.

Because this population is eligible for Medicaid services through Medicaid Expansion, there is no potential cost increase in Medicaid benefits with LB 202.

DHHS will be required to complete a major rule and regulation change as a result of LB 202.

Title	Hour(s)	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
Director	4	\$ 76	\$ 303
Deputy Director	4	\$ 55	\$ 218
Administrator I	4	\$ 31	\$ 126
Program Specialist	8	\$ 23	\$ 186
Program Analyst	16	\$ 23	\$ 363
Attorney III	30	\$ 35	\$ 1,035
Total Costs			\$ 2,231

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
		22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	Child and Family Services Specialist	1.5	2	\$ 73,120	\$ 97,494
	Benefits.....			\$27,157	\$36,209
	Operating.....			\$28,880	\$38,506
	Travel.....				

Capital Outlay.....
Aid.....
Capital Improvements.....
TOTAL.....

	\$231,066	\$308,088
	\$360,223	\$480,277