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**LB 262**

Revision: 01

Updated for the 2022 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$153,281		\$185,442	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$153,281</b>		<b>\$185,442</b>	

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

LB 262 would allow adjudicated juveniles who have attained the age of 19 and are not lawfully present in the United States to be eligible for the Bridge to Independence (B2i) Program administered by the Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department estimates five non-citizens would exit foster care at age 19 each year and meet age eligibility. A monthly aid stipend of \$823 beginning in October 2022 would cost \$37,035 in SFY 2023 and \$98,760 in SFY 2024. If the individual is a parent of a child or is pregnant beginning their third trimester, they would receive an additional \$246 a month. Because this population is ineligible for IV-E funding, B2i costs would be paid with state funds.

This bill also expands eligibility for state funded medical care to all individuals enrolled in the B2i program who are not currently eligible for Medicaid. The department estimates the cost for each recipient's would be \$709.58 per month for health coverage and \$12.77 per month for dental coverage. Total costs to the state for eight individuals is estimated at \$32,506 in SFY 2023 and \$86,682 in SFY 2024.

System changes would be required to the Eligibility System, NFOCUS and the Medical Management Information System (MMIS). This includes 320 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$45 an hour and 380 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the NFOCUS system. Additional costs include 216 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$55 an hour and 296 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the MMIS system. Total costs to the state for system changes is \$83,740 in SFY 2023.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 262	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 12-13-2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.			

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 262	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 12-13-2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Foster Care Review Office's assessment of no fiscal impact.			

**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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Date Prepared 12-13-21

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	<u>FY 2022-2023-</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$ 153,281	\$ 0	\$ 185,442	\$ 0
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$ 153,281	\$ 0	\$ 185,442	\$ 0

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 262 would allow adjudicated juveniles who have attained the age of 19 and are not lawfully present in the United States to be eligible for the Bridge to Independence (B2i) Program administered by the Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department estimates five non-citizens would exit foster care at age 19 each year and meet age eligibility. A monthly aid stipend of \$823 beginning in October 2022 would cost \$37,035 in SFY 2023 for five non-citizens. Five additional non-citizens would exit foster care in SFY 2024. A monthly aid stipend for ten non-citizens would cost \$98,760 in SFY 2024. If the individual is a parent of a child or is pregnant beginning their third trimester, they would receive an additional \$246 a month. Because this population is ineligible for IV-E funding, B2i costs would be paid with state funds.

This bill also expands eligibility for state funded medical care to all individuals enrolled in the B2i program who are not currently eligible for Medicaid. The department estimates the cost for each recipient would be \$709.58 per month for health coverage and \$12.77 per month for dental coverage. Total costs to the state is estimated at \$32,506 in starting October 2022 for SFY 2023 for five individuals and \$86,682 in SFY 2024 for ten individuals.

System changes would be required to the Eligibility System, NFOCUS and the Medical Management Information System (MMIS). This includes 320 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$45 an hour and 380 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the NFOCUS system. Additional costs include 216 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$55 an hour and 296 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the MMIS system. Total cost to the state for system changes is \$83,740 in SFY 2023.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023 EXPENDITURES	2023-2024 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	22-23		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$ 83,740	\$ 0
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$ 69,541	\$ 185,442

Capital Improvements.....

**TOTAL**.....

\$ 153,281	\$ 185,442
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**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Eric Asboe Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 11/29/2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-326-9215

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

In a prior fiscal note for LB262 from February, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services estimated that eight youth may become eligible each year for the Bridge to Independence (B2I) Program. At this time, there is no basis for disagreeing with that estimate. Therefore, although juvenile court has duties related to B2I, the effect on judicial workload is not estimated to be significant. The fiscal impact, if any, would be minimal. No additional resources required.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>