

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2021-22</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$899,383		\$899,383	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$899,383</b>		<b>\$899,383</b>	

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

LB322 creates the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) will establish a statewide, anonymous reporting system to support threat assessment teams and reduce risk and incidents of violence resulting in harm to self, others, or school property. The reporting system will be named and known as the Safe2HelpNE report line.

The Safe2HelpNE report line will be multi-modal to allow students, school staff, parents, and community members to anonymously report concerns and information about a threat or possible harm to people or property by telephone call, text, web site, or email without charge. The Safe2HelpNE report line shall be available to any public or nonpublic school that has a threat assessment team and that maintains a current list of the contact information for at least five team members designated to receive alerts from report line staff at any time of the day or night. The identity of any individual who contacts the Safe2HelpNE report line will be confidential and will not be revealed unless required by law.

The Safe2HelpNE report line will be staffed seven days per week and twenty-four hours per day by professionals trained to receive concerns, use de-escalation techniques to minimize law enforcement involvement, and alert the appropriate threat assessment team for review, assessment, and action to protect people and property. Staff will also be trained in threat assessment and management processes, suicide prevention, recognizing mental illness and emotional disturbance, and applicable confidentiality and privacy laws. The staff of the Safe2HelpNE report line will have access to clinical consultation and support seven days per week and twenty-four hours per day from a licensed mental health professional.

The department will provide training for the members of any threat assessment team serving a public or nonpublic school. Such training will provide the knowledge and skill to allow threat assessment teams to work collaboratively to conduct threat assessments, increase awareness of threats among school staff, students, and the public, and interrupt violence in the planning stage to thwart potential harm to people or property.

The bill states intent to appropriate money from the General Fund for the Safe2HelpNE report line for ten years. At the end of the ten years, NDE will electronically report cost-benefit data and recommendations regarding the continued viability of the Safe2HelpNE report line to the Education Committee of the Legislature.

NDE estimates a Fiscal Impact due to administrative costs within the department as well as contract(s) with a vendor(s) to provide the Safe2HelpNE reporting system services, and for the costs of the electronic system platform.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>				
LB:	322	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education	
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/2921	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the agency's estimate of the fiscal impact to the state.				

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 322**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Education

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

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**Explanation of Estimate:**

The majority of the estimated costs will be contracted to a vendor to provide Safe2HelpNE reporting system services including personnel costs for operations i.e. call counselors, managers. Also included in the vendor contract will be costs for the electronic system platform and indirect costs for the vendor.

Administrative costs to NDE will include employee time to provide promotion, presentations, and training as well as promotional costs.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Contract Employees	2 @ .4	2 @ .4	\$41,107	\$41,107
Benefits.....			\$3,893	\$ 3,893
Operating.....			\$854,383	\$854,383
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$899,383</b>	<b>\$899,383</b>