

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | FY 2024-25 | | FY 2025-26 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | See Below | | See Below | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | See Below | | See Below | |

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

LB 921 relates to rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals under probation and parole by establishing mentorship programs led by probation and parole officers. The bill outlines the establishment of mentorship programs, defines key terms, and details the roles and responsibilities of involved parties. It emphasizes individualized support, training for officers in mentorship and restorative justice, and the integration of educational and vocational services. Participation is voluntary, with programs designed in collaboration with community organizations and evaluated for effectiveness, including an analysis of outcomes and cost-benefit ratios.

Section 3 states that by August 1, 2024, the Director of Supervision and Services is tasked with establishing a mentorship program for parole officers, while a similar program will be set up for probation officers, focusing on individualized case management, specialized training in mentorship and cultural competency, and fostering regular interactions between officers and those under supervision. These programs provide targeted support through educational, vocational, and social services, tailored to the needs of individuals under supervision. Participation in these mentorship programs is voluntary, with eligibility criteria to be determined by the director and office, ensuring the programs operate in partnership with community organizations and professionals in mental health and reentry services.

Section 4 mandates regular evaluations of mentorship programs for parole and probation officers by the Director of Supervision and Services, with annual reports due to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature starting February 1, 2025. These evaluations and reports are comprehensive, covering clear program objectives aimed at reducing recidivism, detailed data collection on various outcomes such as employment, housing, and mental health, and feedback from both clients and officers. They also include case management reviews, comparisons with nonparticipants, cost-benefit analyses, assessments of long-term impacts, and qualitative stories from those involved. Stakeholder feedback, regular public and government reporting, and a commitment to using evaluation findings for continuous program improvement are also emphasized, ensuring the programs are both effective and accountable.

The Supreme Court states the estimated cost to launch and assess the mentorship programs outlined in Sections 3 and 4 is approximately \$1,522,400 million for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$1,560,000 million for 2025-2026, covering the addition of staff for mentorship assistance in each probation district and for program monitoring and evaluation.

The Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska Board of Parole/Division of Parole Supervision estimate no fiscal impact.

There are several required responsibilities for the Board of Parole/Division of Parole Supervision in this bill, and as such, they may have additional costs not reflected in their fiscal note.

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | |
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| LB: 921 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court (005) |
| REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox | DATE: 02/20/2024 | PHONE: (402) 471-4178 |
| COMMENTS: As the Nebraska Supreme Court fiscal note for LB 921 provided no detail or support for the estimate of potential fiscal impact, there is no basis to agree or disagree with the Court's estimated impact from LB 921. | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | |
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| LB: 921 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (025) |
| REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox | DATE: 01/25/2024 | PHONE: (402) 471-4178 |
| COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimate of No Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 921. | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | |
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| LB: 921 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Board of Parole (015) |
| REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox | DATE: 01/09/2024 | PHONE: (402) 471-4178 |
| COMMENTS: LB 921 requires the Director of Supervision and Services for both the Parole Board and the Office of Probation to establish a mentorship program for parole officers and probation officers, and to provide mentoring services for parolees and probationers. The Board of Parole fiscal note for LB 921 identifies that parole officers currently utilize various mentoring strategies listed in the bill, so there would be No Fiscal Impact to the Agency. I disagree with the Board of Parole assessment. LB 921 also requires establishing program objectives and outcomes, collecting and analyzing data, obtaining client feedback, case management reviews, performing a cost-benefit analysis on the program, and providing regular reporting to government agencies and policymakers. All of these requirements will come at a cost yet to be determined. | | |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 921

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/19/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-326-9215

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | | <u>FY 2025-26</u> | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | See below | | See below | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

LB921 creates a mentorship program to assist probationers with rehabilitation and reentry into the community. The Office of Probation Administration currently provides many of the components listed in LB921 Section 3 through new probation officer training, case management practices and programs offered in reporting centers and by other service providers.

To fully implement the mentorship program and evaluations required by Sections 3 and 4, a preliminary estimate of the General Fund impact is \$1,522,400 for FY24-25 and \$1,560,000 for FY25-26. This estimate includes staff in each probation district to assist with mentorship as well as staff to monitor and evaluate the program.

Note: this fiscal note may be revised upon receiving more information.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>24-25</u> | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
| Operating..... | | | | |
| Travel..... | | | | |
| Capital outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
| Capital improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | | |

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 1-25-2024

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| | <u>FY 2024-2025</u> | | <u>FY 2025-2026</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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

Explanation of Estimate:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2024-2025 EXPENDITURES | 2025-2026 EXPENDITURES |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 24-25 | 25-26 | | |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
| Operating..... | | | | |
| Travel..... | | | | |
| Capital Outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
| Capital Improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | \$0 | \$0 |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 921

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Board of Parole/Division of Parole Supervision

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Chairperson Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/8/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 479-5731
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | | <u>FY 2025-26</u> | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| CASH FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| OTHER FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL FUNDS | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

Explanation of Estimate:

Our parole officers currently utilize various strategies listed in the bill.

No fiscal impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>24-25</u> | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Travel..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital outlay..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aid..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital improvements..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |