

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	104,775		89,400	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	314,324		268,199	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	419,099		357,599	

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

This bill requires all Department of Health and Human Services case managers, either employed by the Department or a contracting agency, to be trained under one program by a single entity. The intent is to facilitate consistency in training and allow for Title IV-E reimbursement. The single entity can either be the Department or a contractor. If a contractor, the Department is required to create a formal system for measuring and evaluating the quality of the training. Case managers are to complete a formal assessment after initial training. The bill also requires the training to include evidenced-based practices.

The Center on Children, Families and the Law (CCFL) currently provides training for the Department. The Center estimates that the additional costs of incorporating the evidenced-based curriculum and adding the contracted workers currently trained internally by Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC) would be \$534,804 in FY 15 and \$473,304 in FY 16.

Currently NFC training does not qualify for Title IV-E funding. In this fiscal note, it is assumed the single entity training would qualify. NFC spends approximately \$115,705 on training case managers. The additional costs based on the CCFL estimates, utilization of the NFC training funding and IV-E funding would be \$419,099 (\$104,775 GF and \$314,324 FF) in FY 15 and \$357,599 (\$89,400 GF and \$268,199 FF) in FY 16.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 790	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Health and Human Services (HHS)	
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COMMENTS: HHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact appear 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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	FY 2014-2015		FY 2015-2016	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$104,775		\$89,400	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$314,324		\$268,199	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$419,099	\$0	\$357,599	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 790 would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to utilize the same initial training program for case managers whether employed by DHHS or by an organization under contract to DHHS. Further, the training would need to be provided by the same entity, whether DHHS or an organization under contract to DHHS. The Department shall create a formal system for measuring and evaluating the quality of such training. All case managers shall complete a formal assessment process after initial training to demonstrate competency prior to assuming responsibilities as a case manager. The training curriculum for case managers is also outlined.

Currently Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC), which has the contract for case management in the Eastern Service Area, provides the training for their own case managers. If DHHS assumed the training for NFC (through the Center on Children, Families, and the Law – CCFL) then there would be an increase to costs for the contract to CCFL for curriculum development, training delivery, and evaluation. Six contracted positions (two field training specialists, two trainers, and two research and evaluation staff) from UNL Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL) would be required at an estimated cost of \$473,304 including salary, benefits, and operations cost. An additional \$61,500 would also be required for start-up expenses for the first fiscal year. Total first year costs would be \$534,804, second year's costs would be \$473,304.

In FY12, NFC spent \$115,705 on training of their staff for an average cost per staff of \$1,251. Assuming that these costs would be offset by a reduction in the NFC contract, the estimated fiscal impact would be \$419,099 for FY14-15. There would be a reduction in Program 354 of \$115,705 (GF), an increase in Program 33, Subprogram 265 of \$419,099, split \$104,775 (GF), \$315,324 (FF) for FY14-15 (includes the \$61,500 in start-up expenses). For FY15-16 the estimated additional expenditures would be \$357,599, \$89,400 (GF), \$268,199 (FF). The foregoing assumes that the training qualifies for Title IV-E reimbursement at 75% match for case manager training under Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act as intended by the bill.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2014-2015 EXPENDITURES	2015-2016 EXPENDITURES
		14-15	15-16		
Benefits.....					
Operating.....				\$419,099	\$357,599

Travel.....		
Capital Outlay.....		
Aid.....		
Capital Improvements.....		
TOTAL.....	\$419,099	\$357,599