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LB 271

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$165,550		\$129,370	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$165,550		\$129,370	

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

This bill changes reporting requirements for child abuse and neglect. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections or State Patrol. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would need an addition 0.5 FTE Program Specialist starting in October 2023 to meet the standards the bill describes for training mandatory reporters. The Supreme Court indicates their staff would be required to complete training which would not have a fiscal impact on their operations. DHHS currently partners with the Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers and Project Harmony however the bill increases the scope of training therefore the additional employee would be needed to oversee the expanded work. DHHS would need \$46,000 in FY24 only to update the Nebraska Family On-Line Client User System (N-FOCUS) and \$95,000 annually to supplement existing training contracts with the added requirements. Other one-time staff activities will be absorbed within current resources. The total cost to DHHS would be \$165,550 in FY24 and \$129,370 in FY25.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	271	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-17-2023
		PHONE:	(402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	271	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	1-23-2023
		PHONE:	(402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' estimate of no fiscal impact.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	271	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-17-2023
		PHONE:	(402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Supreme Court's estimate 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

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-16-2023

Phone: (5) 471-6719

	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$170,405	\$0	\$136,168	\$0
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$170,405	\$0	\$136,168	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB271 defines “medical professional” to include specifically identified professions that are required to report to law enforcement or to the Department any knowledge or observation of suspected abuse and neglect of children under 19 years old. Under this bill, the term “position of trust” will now include parents, persons acting the place of parents, guardians, or any person charged with any duty or responsibility for the health, education, welfare, or supervision of a child, including a provider of foster care, childcare, family care, or institutional care.

LB271 requires each person that is a mandatory reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect to undergo relevant training within the first 90 days on the job and every 2 years after. That person will also be able to report the suspected child abuse or neglect to the individual in charge of the institution who will then report it to the authorities.

DHHS is currently collaborating with the Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers and Project Harmony to provide training on mandatory reporting. The changes in this bill would increase the costs of this collaborative effort and create additional requirements for the existing contractors. An additional 0.5 FTE Program Specialist would be needed to oversee this training contract and these increased deliverables.

Outside of the new staff there are other one-time activities that will be absorbed with existing staff. This includes developing and coordinating the implementation of online training. Once developed, publishing the training online will require time from a Program Specialist, CFS Administrator, WEB Apps team, OCIO Exchange Team Member, and the Web Master. The training will need to be updated every five years. This would require additional time for the Program Specialist and Web Apps team.

Additionally, external training for professionals would require the staff time identified above plus ongoing additional costs of \$95,000 per year to existing training contract.

It will take 20 hours from the Administrative Specialist that maintains the Occupational Licensure Unit webpage to post the online training programs on the webpages for the professions affected by this legislation.

It will require 320 hours for existing Program Manager II’s to update the current regulations to incorporate these new training requirements and reporting procedures.

The requirement to retrain employees every 2 years could be tracked by the License Information System (LIS). Modifying the LIS to perform this function will require 80 hours from the IT Business Systems Analyst for the Occupational Licensure Unit.

Any updates to the Nebraska Family On-Line Client User System (NFOCUS) are estimated to cost 490 Hours from a Business and Technical Analysts at a total of \$46,000.

Position	Rate	Hours	Absorbed Costs
CFS Administrator	\$31.44	6 hrs	\$189
WEB Apps Team	\$25.18	20 hrs	\$504
OCIO Exchange Team Member	\$25.18	20 hrs	\$504
Web Master	\$25.18	40 hrs	\$1,007
Administrative Specialist	\$18.44	20 hrs	\$369
DHHS Program Manager II	\$29.24	320 hrs	\$9,357
IT Business Systems Analyst	\$25.18	80 hrs	\$2,014

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024	2024-2025
	23-24	24-25	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Program Specialist	0.38	0.5	\$18,185	\$25,459

Benefits.....		\$6,365	\$8,911
Operating.....		\$145,855	\$101,798
Travel.....		\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay.....		\$0	\$0
Aid.....		\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements.....		\$0	\$0
TOTAL.....		\$170,405	\$136,168

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Lisa Stanton Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/13/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (402)479-5702

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</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:

NDCS estimates no fiscal impact as a result of LB 271.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/16/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-326-9215

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
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FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No additional resources required based on the following assumptions:

1. Probation officers and Associate Public Guardians (APG) would be required to complete the training required by LB271.
2. Training would be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services at no cost.
3. Any impact from additional training on officer or APG workload would not be significant.

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Personal Services:

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Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State Patrol

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Carol Aversman Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01-15-2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4545

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
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Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____