

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			\$4,000,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS			\$4,000,000	

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

LB987 amends several sections to require each public school & each approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school to administer an age-appropriate national assessment test to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade each school year. LB987 would also require schools to submit the testing data to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) & provides & changes the powers & duties of the State Board of Education & NDE.

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, the state board of education will select national assessment instruments for the purpose of the statewide assessment plan.

No later than the 2025-26 school year, & each school year thereafter, the school board of a school district or the governing board of an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school will require that each student in kindergarten through twelfth grade take an age-appropriate national assessment instrument or instruments selected by the state board for purposes of the statewide assessment plan each school year.

The school board of a school district or the governing board of an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school will report individual student data for scores.

The aggregate results of national assessment instruments for an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school will be reported by such school to NDE.

EXPENDITURES:

The current cost for statewide assessment, including alternate assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities, is \$13,518,000. Nebraska contributes \$7,751,600 of that total.

Adding additional grades (K-2, 9, 10, 12) & approximately 26,000 non-public students would result in an increase to that cost, NDE estimates an additional \$4 million annually to cover the additional students being tested.

Federal funding is utilized for statewide assessment & changes to that could affect the funding but that change cannot be determined at this time.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 987

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Education

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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	\$4 million		\$4 million	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$4 million</u>		<u>\$4 million</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB987 would eliminate statewide assessments, and replace them with a national assessment instrument beginning in 2025-26 school year for public and non-public schools grades K-12. Each year, the NDE leverages state and federal funding to provide assessments, as required by state and federal legislation, for English Language Arts and Math in grades 3-8, and science for grades 5 and 8. A national assessment instrument is already provided to high school students as required by state statute (NRS 79-760.03 (9)).

The current cost for statewide assessment, including alternate assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities, is \$13,518,000. State contributions to this total cost are \$7,751,600.

Adding additional grades (K-2, 9, 10, 12) and non-public students (26,000) would result in an increase to that cost, with NDE's best estimate being an additional \$4 million per year.

Changes proposed in this bill could also potentially jeopardize federal funding for statewide assessment, though those costs are unknown.

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.....				