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**LB 898**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 898 is the Student Expression Act. The bill requires each school district to adopt a written student expression policy to be distributed to students at the beginning of each school year. The bill provides that no public school, district, teacher, administrator or school board member shall be held responsible or liable in any civil or criminal action for any student expression. The bill also provides that school employees shall not be fired, transferred, reassigned or removed from their positions for supporting the rights of student expression, if acting within the code of ethics of their profession.

The bill will have an unknown fiscal impact for school districts to develop a student expression policy and disseminate it to students on an annual basis. The cost to develop and distribute the policy will vary by school district. The liability protection provisions of the bill may have also have an unknown fiscal impact in terms of deferring or reducing civil or criminal judgments.

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF EDUCATION – Concur. No fiscal impact to NDE.					