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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated to reflect amendments adopted.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill, as amended, would provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem. The bill has the emergency clause.

The Supreme Court states that the bill will increase court workload, but the fiscal impact is not expected to be significant.

The Foster Care Review Office and the Department of Health and Human Services both estimate no fiscal impact.

The Lancaster County Juvenile Court estimates an increase in costs of \$15,000 to \$20,000 each year. This is due to the increase in guardians ad litem visits from every 6 months to every 3 months.

Douglas County states this bill will have an unknown fiscal impact to the county.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 15, AM514

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/8/15

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 471-4138

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</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:

LB 15, as amended by AM514, requires guardian ad litem expenses be submitted to the court for approval. This will increase judicial and court staff workload, however, the fiscal impact is not estimated to be significant.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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LB⁽¹⁾ 15, AM 514

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Foster Care Review Office – Agency 70

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Heidi Ore

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/9/2015

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 1/4676

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</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:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</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) Mike Mason

Date Prepared:(4) 3-10-14

Phone: (5) 471-0676

	<u>FY 2015-2016</u>		<u>FY 2016-2017</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		\$0		\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

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

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2015-2016	2016-2017
		15-16	16-17	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0

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LB⁽¹⁾ 15 and AM514 REVISED

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lancaster County Juvenile Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Theresa Emmert Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/6/15 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-441-5646

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</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:

An increase of GAL visits from every 6 months to every 3 months would increase attorney fee costs in Lancaster County Juvenile Court by approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 each year.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....			_____	_____
Operating.....			_____	_____
Travel.....			_____	_____
Capital outlay.....			_____	_____
Aid.....			_____	_____
Capital improvements.....			_____	_____
TOTAL.....			_____	_____

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LB15 Provide additional powers and duties for
AM514(4) guardians ad litem

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Prepared by: (3) MARCOS SAN MARTIN, DOUGLAS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION Date LB15 2/13/15 Phone: 402.444.5116
 Prepared: (4) LB15, AM514 3/9/15 (5)

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

UNKNOWN FISCAL IMPACT TO COUNTY; AMENDED BILL SPECIFIES THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL PROMULGATE GAL GUIDELINES/DUTIES, THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO RESULT IN ADDITIONAL DUTIES OR REPORTS REQUIRED BY/FROM A GAL. ADDITIONAL GAL DUTIES AND/OR REPORTING MAY POTENTIALLY RESULT IN INCREASED COSTS TO THE COUNTY.

CURRENTLY, THE OVERALL COST TO DOUGLAS COUNTY OF THE GAL PROGRAM IS APPROXIMATELY \$1.6 MILLION ANNUALLY. THIS AMOUNT IS MADE UP OF NEARLY \$900,000 EACH YEAR IN CONTRACTED-GAL COSTS AND MORE THAN \$700,000 EACH YEAR IN COURT-APPOINTED GALS FOR CHILDREN COSTS.

COURT-APPOINTED GALS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 18% OF THE OVERALL GAL REPRESENTATION (18% COURT-APPOINTED GALS; 82% CONTRACTED-FOR GALS).

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>