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**LB 1038**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
FEDERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 1038 requires blood lead testing of students prior to enrolling in kindergarten in a public, private, denominational or parochial school on or after July 1, 2013. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to develop rules and regulations relating to blood lead testing. School districts are to inform families prior to the date of school registration of the blood lead testing requirements. HHS is to notify parents or guardians of the availability of special education services and of contact information for Nebraska ChildFind if a child's blood-lead level is in excess of a certain amount.

The bill will minimally increase the workload of HHS to develop rules and regulations. The department indicates the development of the rules can be accomplished with existing staff and resources. The department will also incur a workload increase to provide notification to parents of the availability of special education services and other resources. HHS has access to a registry showing this information, so it is assumed the department can handle notifications with existing staff. School districts are already required to inform families about required immunizations prior to school enrollment, so the required notification regarding blood lead testing should not have a fiscal impact for schools.

The bill provides for the cost of blood lead testing to be borne by families except in the case of children who are participating in Medicaid or CHIP. The cost of blood lead testing for children participating in Medicaid or CHIP is to be paid by HHS from funds appropriated from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

Statistics from HHS show a total of 147,000 children were Medicaid eligible or in the CHIP program in 2010 which is approximately 44% of total student membership. There are about 25,000 children entering kindergarten on an annual basis. HHS indicates the department currently pays for blood testing to determine lead levels for about 2,740 children. The cost of a lab test is \$17.65.

In the latest reading of the bill, HHS indicates the provisions of the Medicaid program require coverage for blood lead testing of children between the age of 12 and 24 months. If a child has not been tested, then they are to be tested between the age of 36 and 72 months, so the provisions of the bill requiring payment for the tests by Medicaid will not have a fiscal impact for the department.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
DEPT. OF EDUCATION – No fiscal impact.			

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**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 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		\$0		\$0

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**Explanation of Estimate:**

There is No Fiscal Impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**PERSONAL SERVICES:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
	12-13	13-14		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			\$0	\$0

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Department of Education

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Hill

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
CASH FUNDS	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Explanation of Estimate:

No cost to Nebraska Department of Education

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<b>TOTAL.....</b>				