

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	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 would disregard certain assets and income from eligibility determinations for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the child care subsidy program. The assets that would be exempt are educational savings accounts, a qualified tuition program or similar savings account or plan established to save for qualified higher education expenses. Income that would be disregarded would be from scholarships or grants related to post-secondary education and post-secondary work-study programs.

Most educational savings accounts, scholarships and work-study income are not counted towards income or assets when determining eligibility for SNAP and child care. There is no fiscal impact.

Technical Note: Although Medicaid excludes most educational resources, there are exceptions. Inclusion of disregards of certain assets and income would place Nebraska out of compliance and could result in the loss of the federal match.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 732	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Health and Human Services (HHS)
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COMMENTS: Minimal fiscal impact to HHS.		

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 2014-2015		FY 2015-2016	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

Since most educational savings accounts, scholarships, and work study income are not counted as assets or income for SNAP, ADC, and Child Care, there would be no fiscal impact.

Currently, Medicaid excludes most educational resources. However, there are some exceptions due to federal regulations. Nebraska Medicaid does not have the authority under federal regulation to exclude all of the income and resources as specified in LB 732 for every eligibility group. Nebraska Medicaid's Federal Financial Participation (FFP) would be in jeopardy as the Agency would not be in compliance with federal regulation. There would be no fiscal impact for Program 348.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2014-2015	2015-2016
	14-15	15-16	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0