

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated for amendments adopted through March 30, 2015.

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 estimates no fiscal impact.

Lancaster County estimates no fiscal impact from this bill.

The Lancaster County Juvenile Court told the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) that they estimate no fiscal impact from this bill as amended by AM1005.

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

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LB⁽¹⁾ 15, AM1005

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/24/15

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 AM1005, 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 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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LB⁽¹⁾ 15, AM 1005

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Foster Care Review Office – Agency 70

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Heidi Ore

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/30/2015

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

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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.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**AM1005 to
LB15⁽¹⁾**

Require the Supreme Court to promulgate guidelines and provide and change duties for and compensation of guardians ad litem [as prev. amended by AM514]

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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 ⁽⁵⁾
⁽⁴⁾ AM514, LB15 3/9/15

AM1005, LB15 3/25/15

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:

AM1005 TO LB15: LB 15 FISCAL NOTE REMAINS UNCHANGED

[LB15 AS PREV AMENDED BY AM514: 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).]

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

