

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$58,480	\$2,200		\$2,200
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$58,480	\$2,200		\$2,200

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

LB 1135 pertains to teacher certification. The bill provides for teacher certificates to be issued by the State Board of Education to a person with a teaching certificate from another state who annually maintains the certification from the other state and completes a criminal history record check.

The bill also allows temporary certificates to be granted to individuals with a valid bachelor’s degree or higher who pass the basic skills and appropriate subject area examinations, complete a criminal history record check and enroll in an alternative teacher certification program approved by the board. Temporary certificates are valid for up to two years during which time the holder is to obtain a valid certificate through an alternative teacher program.

Expenditures: It is assumed NDE will contract for a .5 Education Specialist in FY19 to implement the requirements of the bill. The department indicates that rules and regulations will need to be revised and guidelines will need to be developed to implement the new certificates. There will be computer programming expenses in FY19 to reflect the new certificates and information on subject matter testing and basic skilled examinations. The primary cost of the bill will be to develop guidelines for the alternative teacher education programs which need to be approved by the board. The estimated cost for the department to implement the bill is \$58,480 of cash funds in FY19. It is assumed existing staff and resources can handle the workload and data requirements after the initial year.

The fiscal estimate assumes that existing subject matter tests will be used to establish eligibility for the new certificates and NDE will not be required to develop subject matter exams. Individuals applying for certification pursuant to the bill will be responsible for the cost of criminal record checks and required examinations.

Revenues: There is a \$55 fee for a teaching certificate. Forty-two dollars of the fee is placed in the Teacher Certification Cash Fund and \$13 is deposited in the Professional Practices Commission Cash Fund. It is estimated that 40 persons will apply for certificates pursuant to the bill each year. Using this assumption, the annual increase in revenue for the Teacher Certification Cash Fund will be \$1,680 and for the Professional Practices Cash Fund will be \$520.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1135	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Education	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the estimate provided. The amount appears to be reasonable.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1135

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2018-19</u>		<u>FY 2019-20</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$58,480		\$60,105	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$58,480</u>		<u>\$60,105</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill provides for the state board to issue certificates to individuals who also hold a certificate from another state, which may increase work for the teacher certification office. In addition, the bill has the state board creating an alternative teacher education program approval, which would require rewriting several NDE rules the cost of which cannot be determined at this time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
ED Specialist III	.5	.5	\$29,543	\$30,134
Benefits.....			\$21,494	\$22,528
Operating.....			\$7,443	\$7,443
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$58,480</u>	<u>\$60,105</u>