

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
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.

LB 235 changes provisions in the Summer Food Service Program. Currently, the state aid program provides competitive grants of up to \$15,000 to sponsors of summer food programs. Grants are used for nonrecurring expenses incurred in initiating or expanding services, including but not limited to, the acquisition of equipment, salaries of staff, training, outreach efforts, minor alternations to accommodate new equipment, point of service computer systems for food service and the purchase of vehicles for transporting food to sites.

The bill provides that the full cost of qualifying expenses incurred by a sponsor in initiating or expanding the services in a summer food service program will qualify as an expense, and need not be prorated, if the funds are expended solely for child nutrition programs.

The Summer Food Service Program is a state aid program which has been appropriated \$130,000 of general funds to provide grants each year since its inception in FY2012-13*. The State Department of Education indicates that grant awards have totaled \$14,125 in FY13, \$22,454 in FY14, \$15,993 in FY15 and \$43,907 in FY16.

It is assumed the changes in the bill will increase the number of sponsors applying for grants. Since summer food service programs are only operated for a short period of time during the year, the proration of a qualifying expense, may have precluded sponsors from initiating or expanding summer nutrition services because the grant award would cover very little of the overall cost to expand or initiate summer food services. Since the appropriation base has not been expended in the past, it is assumed the bill will have no additional general fund fiscal impact in FY18 and FY19.

*The aid appropriation was \$128,000 in FY13 and \$130,000 each year thereafter.