

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	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 120 requires all public school nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists, administrators, school social workers and other appropriate personnel to receive at least one hour of behavioral and mental health training each year. The training is to include suicide awareness and prevention training. The training is to be provided within the framework of existing inservice training programs offered by the State Department of Education (NDE) or as part of required professional development activities. The state school security director is to oversee the required behavioral and mental health training in public schools.

Current law requires the state school security director to oversee suicide awareness and prevention training in public schools. School districts are required to provide at least one hour of training each year to the employees mentioned in the bill. It is assumed the change in emphasis to behavioral and mental health training, which includes suicide awareness and training, will increase the workload of the state school security director and the health education and health sciences curriculum consultants employed by NDE. The staff may need to evaluate training curricula and change what is presently being used to be broader in scope.

NDE estimates the need for a .5 Training Specialist to implement the bill at a cost of \$66,215 of general funds in FY20 and \$67,870 in FY21. This fiscal note assumes the bill can be implemented using existing staff and resources of the department. It is assumed that school districts will have minimal increased costs pursuant to the bill since the number of hours of inservice required is unchanged.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	120	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Education
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the estimate provided by the agency.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 120 REVISED

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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 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$66,215		\$67,870	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$66,215</u>		<u>\$67,870</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

Add a .5 FTE position to carry out the responsibilities of this bill. This bill will increase the amount of time necessary for vetting current, appropriate, evidence-based training options to also address behavioral and mental health, in addition to suicide prevention. Although an additional .5 FTE was suggested in 2014 with the suicide prevention, it was not funded. The workload of the School Security Director will make it difficult to add the extra time for vetting addition curricula in large topic areas such as behavioral and mental health.

The increased time necessary to vet the additional topic areas will required additional FTE in the school health and safety section. No less than an additional .5 FTE would be needed to accomplish this. The concept of behavioral and mental health is a legislative priority for the State Board of Education. The review of training curricula could be conducted by the Coordinated School Health Specialist which is a legislative priority of the State Board of Education. By NDE organizational chart, the Coordinated School Health Specialist would be a part of the Health and School Safety Section at NDE, supervised by the School Security Director. The requirements of this bill would take about .5 FTE of this position's time. At the current time this position does not exist at NDE as it is unfunded and unfilled.

Operating expenses will be incurred with basic needs for carrying out the functions as outlined in the bill. There may be training curricula which needs to be purchased for review, there will be office costs, and other essentials needed.

Travel will be necessary for the person vetting to gain input, to promote, and to present to various groups, organizations, and conferences the changes in legislation.

Office space, electronic equipment, furniture etc. will be necessary.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Training Specialist III	.5 FTE	.5 FTE	\$32,009	\$32,810
Benefits.....			\$17,206	\$17,636
Operating.....			\$5,000	\$5,125
Travel.....			\$5,000	\$5,125

Capital outlay	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$7,174</u>
Aid		
Capital improvements		
TOTAL	<u>\$66,215</u>	<u>\$67,870</u>

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