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LB 527

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$563,448		\$585,978	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$150,000		\$300,000	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$713,448		\$885,978	

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

LB527 amends §83-1225 by changing the age from no later than sixteen to no later than fourteen years of age for students with a developmental disability with whom a school district provides transition services to.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) estimates the need to hire an additional eight FTE's to cover the addition of fourteen and fifteen year olds to those being provided transition services. Those eight FTE's have a salary cost of \$563,448 for FY 2021-22 and \$585,978 for FY 2022-23. NDE also estimates the need for federal funds of \$150,000 for FY 2021-22 and \$300,000 for FY 2022-23 to implement and maintain case services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 527 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education
 REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush DATE: 2/12/21 PHONE: (402) 471-4161

COMMENTS: The fiscal note provided by the agency is confusing. The numbers listed under expenditures at the top does not match to the numbers listed in the breakdown at the bottom. It is unclear how federal funds are expected to be utilized. Will the federal funds be used as aid or will they be used to offset the cost of the VR Service Specialist? The breakdown provided in the Explanation area appears to be only for FY21-22. The cost share between General Funds and federal funds appears to be different with how the program is currently funded and no explanation for this difference is included. Disagree with the salary increase in FY22-23 estimated at about 4%. The agency has provided increases ranging from 1% to 3% over the last few years.

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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 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$563,440.00		\$585,978	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$150,000.00		\$300,00.00	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$713,440		\$885,978	

Explanation of Estimate: These estimates are based on current case service costs for students Nebraska VR is serving ages 14-15. Based on projections, Nebraska VR estimates an increase in the number of students being served should LB527 pass; therefore, it is projected additional federal funds will need to be budgeted for case services and personnel (total of 8 new positions) to be able to serve this age group. Nebraska VR will reduce the need for travel by utilizing virtual platforms.

The personal services listed below include:

Total Salary	\$38,669.76
Benefits	
Retirement	\$2,895.59
Health Insurance	\$25,922.64
FICA	\$2,531.02
EAP	\$13.00
Work Comp	\$386.70
Life Insurance	\$12.00
Total Benefits	\$31,760.95
Total Cost	\$70,430.71

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
VR Service Specialist	8	0	\$563,440.00	\$585,978
Benefits.....			Included in total above	Included in total above
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$563,440.00	\$585,978