

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2023-24</b>		<b>FY 2024-25</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$129,285		\$128,128	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$129,285		\$128,128	

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

LB298 requires the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to collect data related to dyslexia from the public school districts on or before July 1 of each year. NDE will then provide a report of the data collected & provide it to the Legislature on or before September 1 of each year.

The data in the reports will include the number of students in the district who:

- Are tested for dyslexia & the results of those tests
- Are identified as exhibiting characteristics of dyslexia
- Are diagnosed with dyslexia, as exhibiting characteristics of dyslexia, or because of a diagnosis have improved their reading levels or are reading at their grade level

**EXPENDITURES:**

NDE estimates the need to add 1 FTE to provide guidance on the testing; handle the reports from the districts & complying the report for the Legislature; & work with the districts on the proper interventions through a 504 plan or an individual education plan (IEP). The FTE's estimated salary/benefits expense for FY2023-24 is \$108,690, operating expenses are \$11,143, & travel expenses are \$9,452. For FY2024-25, the salary/benefits are estimated to increase by 2.09% to \$110,961, operating expenses are \$7,431, & travel expenses are \$9,736.

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**2023**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 298**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Education

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$129,285	0	\$128,128	0
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB298 would require the NDE to collect information on dyslexia. While school boards are required to develop policies to address student reading needs, there is no current process for reporting the number of students tested for dyslexia, the results of those tests, and students' improved reading levels as a result of dyslexia identification and intervention. As such, the NDE would require a staff member to provide guidance in a) screening for dyslexia, b) reporting the data to the NDE, and c) addressing the proper interventions through either a 504 plan or individualized education plan (IEP).

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Education Specialist III	1	1	\$68,310	\$69,676
Benefits.....			\$40,380	\$41,285
Operating.....			\$11,143	\$7,431
Travel.....			\$9,452	\$9,736
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$129,285</b>	<b>\$128,128</b>