Bill Biven, Jr. February 21, 2024 402-471-0054

LB 957

Revision: 00 FISCAL NOTE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)							
	FY 202	4-25	FY 20	25-26			
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE			
GENERAL FUNDS	(\$4,000,000)			(\$4,000,000)			
CASH FUNDS	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000			
FEDERAL FUNDS							
OTHER FUNDS							
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$2,000,000)			(\$2,000,000)			

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

LB957 amends several sections relating to the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA).

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year & each school fiscal year thereafter, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) will determine the early childhood aid that is to be paid to each school district will equal \$1,500 multiplied by the qualified early childhood education average daily membership (ADM) for that school district.

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year & each school fiscal year thereafter, net option funding will be the product of the net number of option students multiplied by the difference of the statewide average basic funding per formula student minus \$3,000.

For state aid calculated for school year 2024-25 & each school fiscal year thereafter, local system formula resources will include other actual receipts, net option funding, allocated income tax funds, community achievement plan aid, a percentage of foundation aid, & a percentage of early childhood aid, & is reduced by amounts paid by the district in the most recently available complete data year as property tax refunds.

24% of the total amount of early childhood aid paid each school year will be paid from money appropriated from the Education Future Fund.

For school years 2024-25 & 2025-26, 100% of early childhood aid will be included as a formula resource inside the TEEOSA calculation.

For school year 2026-27 & each school year thereafter, 60% of early childhood aid will be included as a formula resource inside the TEEOSA calculation.

EXPENDITURES:

By funding early childhood aid under TEEOSA, it would increase by approximately \$8,000,000 with approximately \$2,000,000 being funded by the Education Future Fund.

By reducing the net option funding by \$3,000 per positive option student will then reduce the TEEOSA calculation by approximately \$10,000,000.

The overall effect to the estimated TEEOSA calculation would be a reduction of approximately \$2,000,000 annually.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE								
LB:	LB: 957 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education							
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush DATE: 1/17/24 PHONE: (402) 471-416								
COMMENTS: Agree with the estimate provided by the agency with the assumptions used.								

A	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE							
LB: 957 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Omaha Public Schools						Schools		
REVI	EWED BY:	Gary Bush	DAT	E:	1/17/24	PHONE: (402) 471-4161		
COMMENTS: Agree with Omaha Public Schools that the provisions of the bill would result in a reduction in equalization aid received from the TEEOSA school aid formula. However, the resources being provide to the district would increase as the state pays more of the early childhood program costs.								

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LB ⁽¹⁾ 957					FISCAL NOTE	
State Agency OR Political S	ubdivision Name: (2)	NE Department of Education				
Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bryce	Wilson	Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾	1/8/24	Phone: (5)	402-471-4320	
I	ESTIMATE PROVI	DED BY STATE AGEN	ICY OR POLITICAL	SUBDIVIS	ION	
	EV	2004 05			20	
	EXPENDITURES	<u>2024-25</u> <u>REVENUE</u>	EXPENDITU	<u>FY 2025-</u> <u>RES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	
GENERAL FUNDS	(\$4,000,000)		(\$4,000,000))		
CASH FUNDS	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000)		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$2,000,000)		(\$2,000,000))		

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 957 creates early childhood aid which is calculated as \$1,500 per early childhood average daily membership. Twenty-four percent of the early childhood aid is to be funded by the Education Future Fund. The new aid is completely included in the TEEOSA resource calculation for the first two years and then changes to sixty percent being part of the resource calculation.

This bill also reduces Net Option Funding by \$3,000 per student.

The creation of Early Childhood Foundation Aid increases the amount of TEEOSA by about \$8 million (\$2,000,000 of the total would be funded by the Education Future Fund) with the Net Option Funding reduction of \$3,000 per positive option student reducing the total TEEOSA amount by a little over \$10 million. The net effect of these changes is a decrease in TEEOSA by a little more than \$2 million.

BREAKD	OWN BY MAJ	OR OBJECTS O	F EXPENDITURE	
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS <u>24-25</u> <u>25-26</u>		2024-25 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	2025-26 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits				
Operating				
Travel				
Capital outlay				
Aid			(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)
Capital improvements				
TOTAL			(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)

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State Agency OR Political S	ubdivision Name: ⁽²⁾	Omaha Public Sch				
Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bryan	Kline	Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾	1/10/2024	Phone: (5)	531-299-8983	
ES	STIMATE PROVID	ED BY STATE AGEN	CY OR POLITICA	L SUBDIVISI	ON	
	FY 9	2024-25		FY 2025	FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDI	FURES	<u>REVENUE</u>	
GENERAL FUNDS						
CASH FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS						
Explanation of Estimate:						

No fiscal impact expected due to the proposed new funding being offset by a reduction in Equalization Aid.

BREAKD	OWN BY MAJO	OR OBJECTS OF	EXPENDITURE	
Personal Services:				
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TOTAL				