

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised due to amendments on General File

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	4,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	6,000,000
FY2027-2028	4,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	6,000,000
FY2028-2029	4,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	6,000,000

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

The original provisions of LB 935 were struck from the bill and replaced with several amendments. LB 935 was Amended by the following:

- AM2937 (LB935)
- AM2928 as amended by FA 1114 (LB1199)
- AM2930 (LB978)
- AM2931 (LB876)
- AM2932 (LB789)
- AM2933 (LB1020)
- AM2934 (LB1139)
- AM2935 as amended by AM2914 (LB 1228)

The amendments change eligibility under the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Act, expand attorney fee provisions for political subdivisions in certain civil actions, and create new civil remedies and penalties related to prohibited online content and child sexual exploitation devices or images.

The amendment also creates or revises criminal provisions involving mobile tracking devices, stalking, unlawful intrusion, swatting, and restricted drone operations. It modifies sentencing provisions for Class IV felonies by strengthening the preference for probation and requiring the court to state its reasons when probation is not imposed.

In addition, the bill establishes a temporary no-contact period following arrest for certain domestic assault and sexual assault offenses, updates victim information and law enforcement training requirements, and creates new court fees, including a \$45 state docket fee for civil causes of action filed in district court, a \$20 fee for civil causes of action filed in county court, a \$26 fee for dissolution actions, a \$36 fee for traffic misdemeanors or infractions, and a \$16 fee for small claims cases. The amendment also adds a \$10 case management systems software fee for each civil cause of action, traffic misdemeanor, or infraction filed in district and county courts. It creates the Case Management Systems Software Cash Fund.

The Commission on Public Advocacy states it administers the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund. The Commission further states AM2928 would increase the population threshold for a designated legal profession shortage area from 15,000 to 75,000, which may increase the number of eligible applicants. AM2928 would add \$10,000 in cash fund revenue, transferred from another cash fund. The Commission states that if eligibility expands, awards may be smaller because available funding would be spread across more recipients; however, the effect on award amounts is indeterminable at this time because the number of additional applicants is unknown.

The Supreme Court states that most amendments have either no fiscal impact or a minimal fiscal impact limited to judicial and/or staff education, with no additional resources required; any potential impact on judicial workload is indeterminable.

The Supreme Court further states AM2935 (LB1228) would increase General Fund and Cash Fund revenues through new court fees and require a one-time General Fund expenditure of \$100,000 to modify JUSTICE. Revenue estimates are volatile due to potential fee waivers and the inability to extract certain civil case data from JUSTICE. The estimated maximum revenue is \$4.0–\$5.5 million to the General Fund and \$2.0–\$2.5 million to the Cash Fund. We estimate the Supreme Court has sufficient appropriation authority for the JUSTICE expense.

It is important to note that the revenue figures provided represent maximum estimates, and actual revenue may be lower for the reasons stated above.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935, AM2928, AM2930, AM2931, AM2932,
AM2933, AM2934, AM2935

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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Attorney General

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935 AM2930 AM2927 AM2931 AM2934 AM2932 AM2933 AM2928 AM2935 AM2914

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB935 as amended by AM2930, AM2927, AM2931, AM2934, AM2932, AM2933, AM2928, AM2935 and AM2914, creates new penalties for certain crimes. The bill could increase the number of persons in prison. The specific amount of impact is indeterminable.

The FY25 per diem cost was \$33.73 for each incarcerated individual, or \$12,309.72 per year.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935; AM 2930; 2927; 2931; 2934; 2932; 2933;
2928; 2935; 2914

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Crime Commission

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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 531-893-0405

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	2027-28 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935 AM 2930, AM 2927, AM 2931, AM 2934, AM
2932, AM 2933, AM2928, AM 2935, AM 2914

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		

Explanation of Estimate:

The Commission administers the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance fund. AM 2928 increases the population size to 75,000 from 15,000 to qualify as a designated legal profession shortage area. This will likely increase the number of qualified applicants for the program. The current appropriation for 2026-2027 fiscal year is \$150,000. AM 2928 adds an additional \$10,000 to the fund. An increase in the population size for qualified applicants will increase the number of those who qualify for awards meaning the \$150,000 will be spread out among more applicants, thus, each applicant may receive a smaller award than in the past. The additional \$10,000 will ameliorate this issue but without knowing exactly how many new applicant there it will be, it is uncertain how it will affect the award amounts.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....				
.... Travel.....				
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**Capital
improvements**.....
TOTAL.....

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LB⁽¹⁾ AM2932, AM2933, AM2928, AM2935, AM2914, AM
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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska State Patrol

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Date Prepared: 03/27/2026

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....				
.... Travel.....				
. Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
. Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935 AM 2930, AM 2927, AM 2931, AM 2934, AM 2932,
AM 2933, AM2928, AM 2935, AM 2914

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

State Treasurer

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

The State Treasurer’s Office doesn’t expect any fiscal impact from 935 AM 2930, AM 2927, AM 2931, AM 2934, AM 2932, AM 2933, AM2928, AM 2935, AM 2914to the office.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....				
.... Travel.....				
. Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
. Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB⁽¹⁾ 935, AM2927, AM2928, AM2930-AM2935, AM2914

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

05 Supreme Court

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 3/30/2026

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	100,000	See below		See below
CASH FUNDS		See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB935, as currently amended, will increase General and Cash Fund revenue and General Fund expenditures as described below.

AM2927 (LB935): Minimal impact to provide judicial education. Impact on judicial workload cannot be determined but not estimated to be significant. No additional resources required.

AM2928 (LB1199 as amended): No fiscal impact.

AM2930 (LB978 as amended): Minimal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

AM2931 (LB876 as amended): No additional resources required for the State Court Administrator to develop and provide no-contact forms. Minimal impact to provide judicial and staff education. Impact on judicial workload cannot be determined at this time.

AM2932 (LB789 as amended): Minimal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

AM2933 (LB1020 as amended): Minimal impact to provide judicial and staff education. No additional resources required.

AM2934 (LB1139 as amended): Minimal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

AM2935 (LB1228 as amended by AM2783 and AM2914):

1. Creates new state docket fee that varies based on case type and tiered for county court civil causes of action. Fee is deposited in the state General Fund.

2. Creates new \$10 case management systems software fee to be deposited in a newly created Cash Management Systems Software Cash Fund.

3. Revenue estimates are volatile to a significant degree since:

a. Both fees can be waived if an individual is unable to pay, therefore reducing the maximum amount received in any fiscal year. The amount of fees that will be waived is unknown.

b. Revenue from county court civil causes of action is determined by the amount of the controversy. Although contained in each case file, that amount is not a data point in JUSTICE, the Judicial Branch court case management system. Therefore, data cannot be extracted to provide a specific estimate at this time.

c. Estimated maximum General Fund revenue: 4-5.5 million. Estimated maximum Cash Fund revenue 2-2.5 million.

4. Estimated one-time General Fund expenditure to modify JUSTICE: \$100,000. In order to remain sustainable given budget projections in the current biennium and past balance decline, it is assumed the Automation Cash Fund will not be used for this modification.

Note: Given the limited amount of time since the amendments listed above were adopted, this fiscal note may be revised based upon further review. General Funds may be needed in FY26 to meet an operative date of July 1, 2026, for sections of LB935 related to the new fees.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....				
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Capital				
improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 935	AM: 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Crime Commission
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 3/26/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Crime Commission's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 935 AM 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 935	AM: 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 3/26/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 935 AM 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 935	AM: 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Treasurer
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 3/30/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the State Treasurer's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 935 AM 2930, 2927, 2931, 2934, 2932, 2933, 2928, 2935, 2914.		