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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 615 provides that a learning community is a local educational authority with respect to member school districts and students enrolled in member districts for purposes of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The bill specifically authorizes the disclosure of student records by member school districts to learning community employees in instances required by statute and when the records are necessary to evaluate programs or improve instruction. LB 615 also expands reporting requirements with respect to student data and information to be provided by the learning community to the Legislature on an annual basis.

The bill also requires the State Department of Education to enter into memoranda of understanding with a learning community to share student data on open enrollment students, students participating in pilot projects and students enrolled in an elementary learning center. It is assumed the memoranda of understanding can be developed and established using existing resources of the department and the learning community.

It is assumed the bill may increase the workload of some member districts to provide student information to the learning community, but little fiscal impact for the eleven school districts, which are members of the learning community, is projected.

The bill may also increase the workload of the learning community in terms of broadened reporting requirements in its annual report to report to the Legislature. However, only a minimal, if any, fiscal impact is projected for additional reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Concur.

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate: LB 615 appears to clarify state law regarding learning communities and the ability for a learning community to obtain personally identifiable student information from member school districts and NDE. Section 8 of the bill requires NDE to collect additional student data related to elementary learning centers and pilot projects authorized by a learning community that may require collection of additional data from some school districts, but should not imposed additional costs on NDE.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURES

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2011-12	2012-13
	11-12	12-13	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____	_____