

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$21,660		See Below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$21,660		See Below	

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

LB 435 is the Time to Teach and Time to Learn Act. The bill establishes a fifteen member Class Size and Instructional Time Task Force. The task force is to direct a research project to assess class sizes and instructional time at school districts. On or before December 1, 2015, the task force is to make recommendations for creating incentives for school districts to reduce class sizes and increase instructional time. The State Department of Education (NDE) is to analyze class size and instructional time data on behalf of the task force.

Beginning in FY2016-17, the Time to Teach and Time to Learn Grant Program is established in NDE. School districts may apply for grants of up to \$100 per impacted student and up to \$500 per impacted teacher or principal for increasing time for teaching and learning. If funds are not adequate to fully fund all grant applications, the State Board of Education may select recipients based on criteria in the bill. Grants funds received by schools are not considered to be a local receipt for state aid purposes.

Task Force: It is assumed task force members will be eligible for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses. The number of meetings of the task force are unknown. Since the provisions of the bill relating to the task force will not go into effect until possibly September of 2015, this fiscal note assumes three meetings of the task force in the fall of 2015. The estimated amount to reimburse members for expenses is about \$6,660 (10 members x 3 meetings x \$222) in FY2015-16. It is assumed the task force will not meet after its recommendations are reported to the Legislature.

Time to Teach and Time to Learn Grant Program: The grant program is to begin in FY2016-17. The bill does not specify the amount of funding to be provided for the grant program. Based upon the criteria in the bill, it is assumed the majority of school districts in the state will be eligible to apply for a grant. The State Board of Education will need to prioritize grant applications based upon criteria in the bill. The fiscal impact will depend upon the amount appropriated for the grant program.

NDE Administrative Expenses: NDE is required to analyze class size and instructional time data for the task force. The department is also required to administer the grant program. It is assumed existing staff will be utilized to analyze data for the task force. Operational costs related to data collection and review are estimated to total \$15,000 of general funds in FY16.

It is assumed the department will require an additional full time or half-time FTE to administer the grant program in FY17, depending upon the size of the program. A full-time employee will have a general fund fiscal impact of \$79,760 in FY17 or \$39,880 of general funds for a .5 FTE to administer the grant program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB:435	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. Department of Education
REVIEWED BY: James Van Bruggen	DATE: 2/3/2015	PHONE: 471-4179
COMMENTS: Depending on the scope of the grant program and of the task force, the Department of Education may be able to utilize existing resources or may need additional resources to carry out the intent of the bill.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 435

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$41,781		\$119,639	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$41,781</u>		<u>\$119,639</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

NDE would incur costs for the following: staff time associated with serving on committee, conducting research project, administering and management of grant program, grant dollars appropriated, and the process for promulgating the rule.

Depending on the size and scope of the grant NDE would require a Grant Program Manager and half time assistant to support the grant activities.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Program Specialist III and Professional Assistant	1.5	1.5		\$74,220
Research Staff Time, Data Analyst Staff Time	.35	.35	\$19,700	
Benefits.....			\$10,321	\$45,419
Operating.....			\$1,200	
Travel.....			\$10,560	
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$41,781</u>	<u>\$119,639</u>