

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 279 requires that school buses purchased new on or after January 1, 2018 to transport public school children shall be equipped with lap-shoulder belts for each occupant. Instruction in the use of belts is to be provided at least twice per school year. The bill provides that the new provisions shall not be construed to increase or decrease the liability of school districts for injuries when a belt is not used or misused. It also shall not increase or decrease the liability of a district for the continued use of buses which are not equipped with lap-shoulder belts.

The requirement to have lap-shoulder belts for each passenger on a school bus will increase the cost of new buses beginning in 2018. Articles on the cost of buses indicate increased costs of \$8,000 to \$15,000 per vehicle for buses with lap-shoulder belts, depending upon the size of the bus and type of seat belt configuration. The bill will have an unknown fiscal impact for school districts and/or other entities that transport public school children on buses beginning in FY2017-18. Any increased spending by school districts for buses or transportation on school buses will increase needs in the state aid formula which will increase state aid two years after the spending increase occurs.

The bill will require the State Department of Education to revise two rules and regulations. It is assumed the rules can be revised with the existing resources of the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 279	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Education	
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COMMENTS: Agree with the Department of Education's statement of fiscal impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 279

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Dept of Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	1,400			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	1,400			

Explanation of Estimate:

Schools: Based on information gathered from actual school bus vendors in Nebraska, a school bus equipped with lap-shoulder belts would increase the cost of an 84-passenger bus between \$11,000 to \$13,000.

State: NDE Pupil Transportation Rule 91 and 92 revision cost of \$1,400.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$1,400	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$1,400	