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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

**ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES \***

	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	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.

This bill makes changes regarding school attendance and truancy. It requires that a child in foster care attend the same school the child attended prior to being placed in foster care unless it is determined that attendance at such school would not be in the best interest of the child. The bill sets penalties for parents of a truant child. Such penalties will be waived if the parent or parents agree to mediation. The bill requires funds not used by the County Juvenile Services Aid Program to be reallocated to the learning community coordinating council to be used for grants to non-profits for programming to ensure school attendance by truant students and to prevent truancy and other behavioral problems.

This bill requires funding not expended in the County Juvenile Services Aid Program to be reallocated to the learning community coordinating council. The amount of the transfer would vary from year to year. At the end of FY 07, the ending balance less encumbrances was \$57,394. At the end of FY 06, the unexpended balance was \$22,947,

The provision that foster children continue attending the same school they were attending prior to entering into foster care would have a minimal fiscal impact and can be handled with existing resources.

Other provisions that involve the school districts responsibility in mediation may require additional resources by school districts but it would vary from district to district. It is likely most districts would absorb this additional activity with existing resources. There is no additional cost the Department of Education.

Technical Note: It is unclear when the reallocation of the County Juvenile Services Aid Program would take place as a date or time is not specified in the bill. Funding is appropriated on an annual basis and the budget is set for a biennium. At the end of the first fiscal year, unexpended funds are automatically carried over in the second year of the biennium. It is unclear if the reallocation would be done annually or biennially.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
CRIME COMMISSION: Agree with agency review. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: NFI to the NE Department of Education. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Concur, NFI. NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT: Agree, NFI.			