

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS			1,824,206	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS			1,824,206	

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

LB998 creates the Behavioral Training Cash Fund, which will be funded by lottery proceeds pursuant to §9-812, and will be administered through the Nebraska Department of Education. School districts are to use the proceeds for behavioral awareness and intervention training required pursuant to §79-2,146. After an amount equal to 10% of the revenue received in the prior fiscal year is retained, the remaining balance of the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund on June 30, 2021 will be transferred into the Behavioral Training Cash Fund. NDE estimates the lottery funds distributed for this fund to be \$1.9 million annually.

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, each district will offer behavioral awareness and intervention training annually. Administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses, and counselors who have received such training from the school district will receive a behavioral awareness and intervention training review at least once every three years. Prior to the end of the 2024-25 school year, each district will ensure that their administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses, and counselors have received the required behavioral awareness and intervention training. Each district may provide training, or similar training, to any other school employees at the discretion of the district. In addition, all school employees will have a basic awareness of the goals, strategies, and also know what the schoolwide plan is that is included in such training.

On or before September 1, 2021, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter, each school district will submit their training report to the state school security director. The report will include the school district behavioral awareness and intervention training plan, summarize how such plan fulfills the requirements, and provide any other information required by rules and regulations that have been adopted. On or before October 31, 2021, and each October 31 thereafter, the state school security director shall certify the compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of each district to the State Department of Education.

Each district will designate one or more employees as the behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact for each school building or other division as determined by the district. Each behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact will be trained in behavioral awareness and intervention and will have the knowledge of community service providers and other resources that are available for the students and families in the district. Each district will maintain or have access to an existing registry of local mental health and counseling resources. That registry will include services that can be accessed by families and individuals outside of school. Each behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact will also coordinate access to support services for students whenever possible. Each district will indicate each behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact for the district on the district's website and in any school directory for the school that the behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact serves.

EXPENDTIURES:

NDE would need to add 1.0 FTE, starting in 2021-22, to manage all the various aspects of this newly created Fund at a cost of \$124,206 and estimates they will have \$1,700,000 in expenses for the various training and other materials required.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 998

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2020-21</u>		<u>FY 2021-22</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	1,824,206	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	1,824,206	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Creates the Behavioral Training Cash Fund as part of the Lottery resources. The fund is administered by the State Department of Education and requires distribution of money to school districts for behavioral awareness and intervention training requirements added as part of LB998.

LB998 requires collection of behavioral awareness and intervention training plans and certifying compliance or noncompliance of the section 79-2,146 (Suicide Awareness Training) for each school district.

The LB further identifies the approach for distributing the fund and allocates a base training reimbursement of \$2,000 for every school building with grades above kindergarten. Additional reimbursement is available in increments when staff full time equivalent exceeds 80, 160 or 240. The training reimbursement is included in TEEOSA as an adjustment and an aid so that equalized and non-equalized districts receive funding.

The fund is estimated at 1.9 million a year, but would also need to include an FTE to manage and support the data collection, payment calculation, distribution, as well as provide support and technical assistance for the districts on the training. NDE estimated the aid using information from the 2020/21 TEEOSA calculation and fall 2019 staff reporting.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2020-21 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2021-22 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>		
Proj IV Behavioural	_____	1.0	_____	64,979
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	38,274
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	15,838
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	5,115
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	1,700,000
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	=====	=====	=====	1,824,206

