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LB 927

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	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.

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish and implement standardized suicide awareness training in consultation with organizations and professionals with expertise in behavioral and mental health. The training is to incorporate evidence-based practices to identify early warning signs and appropriate and effective responses. All child welfare caseworkers and any other personnel determined by the Division of Child and Family Services of DHHS will be required to be trained for at least 90 minutes. The bill specifies the training is for all employees of child-placing agencies prior to independent contact with youth and families. DHHS notes that staff time would be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill but that the cost can be absorbed within the agency appropriation. Additional required training time may result in less time spent on providing child welfare services by state and contracted agency employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	927	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.			

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB927 requires that all current child welfare caseworkers and other appropriate personnel, as determined by CFS, shall obtain at least 90 minutes of behavioral and mental health training with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention prior to independent contact with youth and families and annually thereafter. Caseworkers currently complete Suicide Prevention, Question Persuade Refer (QPR) through the Behavioral Health Regions in their local areas. This training is not required to be completed prior to independent contact with youth or families.

Each Child and Family Service Specialist would need 90 minutes of staff time to complete the training. This could be done within the existing hours of work and the existing budget.

Program Specialists will have an estimated 80 hours of time needed to consult with organizations and professionals who have expertise in behavioral and mental health and suicide prevention to establish a baseline curriculum and develop a list of approved training materials for CPAs. Program Specialists will have an estimated 5 hours of time needed to update language in the CPA contracts and have them approved to meet the requirements of LB927. Program Specialist or Training Coordinator time to track training completion for all staff and follow up efforts to pursue training completion for those that have not met the requirement. This will take an estimated 20 hours of time. The estimated costs of these hours would be absorbed by the department.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025	2025-2026
		24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0