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LB 492

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	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.

LB492 modifies Nebraska law on truancy by defining a new standard for habitual truancy in juvenile court, which applies to children ages 13 to 17 who have at least twenty unexcused absences in a school year and a documented loss of educational attainment. It establishes a defense to adjudication if schools have not provided required attendance interventions or if unexcused absences total fewer than twenty. The bill also requires schools to document their efforts to address barriers to attendance before referring a student to the county attorney and clarifies that absences caused by illness, lack of transportation, or other extenuating circumstances do not count toward unexcused absences.

The Supreme Court states LB492 may lead to fewer habitual truancy filings, which could reduce the number of youths placed on probation. This, in turn, has the potential to lower General Fund expenditures for probation services supporting students. Likewise, fewer juvenile court cases may result in reduced revenue from court filing fees. No reliable estimate of the bill's overall fiscal impact can be determined at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 492	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Supreme Court's estimate of indeterminable fiscal impact as a result of LB 492.		

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) 05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26 EXPENDITURES	FY 2025-26 REVENUE	FY 2026-27 EXPENDITURES	FY 2026-27 REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB492 could result in fewer cases being filed for habitual truancy and therefore fewer youth being placed on probation. If that occurs there is the potential for decreased General Fund expenditures from probation services used to support a youth in school. In addition, fewer juvenile court cases could result in less revenue from court filing fees. No reasonable estimate of the fiscal impact can be determined at this time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS 25-26	NUMBER OF POSITIONS 26-27	2025-26 EXPENDITURES	2026-27 EXPENDITURES
Benefits				
Operating				
Travel				
Capital outlay				
Aid				
Capital improvements				
TOTAL				