

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	SEE BELOW		SEE BELOW	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	SEE BELOW		SEE BELOW	

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

LB162 creates the Child Care Safety & Security Fund & the Child Care Safety & Security Act. The act will be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) so that the standards for emergency preparedness & response for child care & early education programs will be aligned with the same standards as elementary & secondary schools.

NDE will award grants to educational service units (ESUs) on a competitive basis on behalf of designees for emergency response notification systems, training, & materials related to safety & reunification procedures.

ESUs can apply to NDE for a grant to provide funding to designees operating within the boundaries of the ESU. To receive funding, a designee will enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the appropriate ESU in the designee's geographic area for the purpose of funding qualifying projects.

On or before December 1 of each year, NDE will provide an electronic report to the Clerk of the Legislature which will include, but not be limited to:

- the number of designees that received grant funding under the Act, including:
 - the type of organization
 - the ages of children served by programs enrolled in the emergency response notification system
 - the number of children served by those programs
 - the geographic locations of those programs
- how the grant funds were used
- the average amount of grant funds received by designees broken down by the number of children served
- the number of designees denied grant funding & the reasons for each of the denials

The report will not identify any child care or early education program in it.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) estimates the need for an additional FTE at each of the seventeen ESUs. The seventeen FTEs carry a salary & benefits expense of \$85,000 for both FY2025-26 & FY2026-27.

NDE estimates the need for an additional FTE. The FTE carries a salary & benefits expense of \$126,013; operating expenses of \$22,640; & travel expenses of \$10,139 for FY2025-26. For FY2026-27, the FTEs carries a salary & benefits expense of \$129,842; operating expenses of \$18,370; & travel expenses of \$10,443.

The Child Care Safety & Security Fund will consist of money transferred by the Legislature. Funding amounts for designees will not exceed one thousand dollars per year.

Awards will be based off of available appropriations. The bill does not address funding or limitations related to the total cost of the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: **162** AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: **Department of Health and Human Services**

REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns DATE: 01/25/2025 PHONE: (402) 471-4171

COMMENTS: Agree with the Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of no fiscal impact to the agency from LB 162.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: **162** AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: **Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council**

REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns DATE: 01/25/2025 PHONE: (402) 471-4171

COMMENTS: The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council's estimate of fiscal impact from LB 162 appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 1-24-25

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	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>		<u>FY 2026-2027</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
		25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0

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LB⁽¹⁾ LB162

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Lane Carr Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1.24.25 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.419.3012

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>158,792</u>	<u> </u>	<u>158,655</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$158,792</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$158,655</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB162 creates the Child Care Safety and Security Fund, but does not specify the appropriation. However, to extend school safety services to the hundreds of early childhood sites, LB162 would necessitate additional staffing capacity at the NDE.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Program Specialist III	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>80,099</u>	<u>82,702</u>
Benefits.....			<u>45,914</u>	<u>47,140</u>
Operating.....			<u>22,640</u>	<u>18,370</u>
Travel.....			<u>10,139</u>	<u>10,443</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u>\$158,792</u>	<u>\$158,655</u>

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LB⁽¹⁾ 162

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Larianne Polk Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/19/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-597-4843

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	85,000		85,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	85,000		85,000	

Explanation of Estimate:

In order to provide support in development and carrying out this bill, ESUs will need to apply for grants, manage memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with designees, and submit for reimbursements. The time necessary to complete these responsibilities would vary depending on number of entities wishing to apply, length of time to apply for the dollars, and the number of reimbursement transactions for each. There will be fiscal impact on ESUs for their support staff to take on this additional workload, and a specific number is difficult to predict.

A minimum per ESU to cover personnel costs would be \$5,000 per ESU. This number multiplied by 17 ESUs would be \$85,000.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>		
ESU Support Staff (fraction of FTE in each ESU)	17	17	63,750	63,750
Benefits.....			21,250	21,250
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			85,000	85,000