

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	291,866		284,366	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	291,866		284,366	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill will create the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services.

The Office of Guardian ad Litem Services is created in the State Court Administrator's Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court (NSC), and the NSC estimates the following implementation costs:

	FY2007-2008	FY2008-2009	FY2007-2008	FY2008-2009
	Positions	Positions	Expenditures	Expenditures
Court Administrator's Office:				
Guardian ad Litem Administrator	1.00	1.00	\$ 52,621	\$ 52,621
Benefits			\$ 22,698	\$ 22,698
Guardian ad Litem Advisory Committee Travel			\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Capital Outlay (furniture and equipment)			\$ 7,500	\$ -
Subtotal - Court Administrator's Office	1.00	1.00	\$ 97,819	\$ 90,319
Cost for One Local Program:				
Coordinator, Attorney, & Administrative Assistant	3.00	3.00	\$ 130,150	\$ 130,150
Benefits			\$ 63,897	\$ 63,897
Subtotal - Cost for One Local Program	3.00	3.00	\$ 194,047	\$ 194,047
TOTAL	4.00	4.00	\$ 291,866	\$ 284,366

The NSC estimate in the table above includes the costs for one local program. It also includes the costs for the Court Administrator's Office, and these costs are not included in the cost for each local program.

The bill does not state how many local programs would be established. The NSC estimates that each local program will cost \$194,047 per year (see above table). If established in all 12 judicial districts, then the annual cost would be \$2,328,564.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
SUPREME COURT – No basis to disagree.			