

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|---------|-----------|---------|
| EXPENDITURES | GENERAL | CASH | FEDERAL | REVOLVING | TOTAL |
| FY2025-2026 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY2026-2027 | 117,640 | 0 | 117,640 | 0 | 235,280 |
| FY2027-2028 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY2028-2029 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REVENUE | GENERAL | CASH | FEDERAL | REVOLVING | TOTAL |
| FY2025-2026 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY2026-2027 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY2027-2028 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY2028-2029 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

LB1224 amends several sections to prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at a school which elects not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; to change the Child Protection & Family Safety Act; to prohibit the transfer of a student to a school that elects not to meet approval & accreditation requirements in certain circumstances; to require confidentiality as prescribed; & to provide duties to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) & to the Commissioner of Education.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DHHS will need to hire three Child & Family Services Specialist for FY2026-27 to send the letters until the changes to the Nebraska Family Online Credit User System (NFOCUS) can be made. The temporary staff salary is estimated at \$135,307; benefits at \$47,358; & operating expenditures at \$36,127. At the current price of \$0.78 per stamp, it is estimated to cost \$16,488 to mail out the approximately 21,138 letters. Together, the total fiscal impact is \$235,280. The staffing & stamp cost would be split 50/50 between General & Federal Funds.

DDHS lists costs of \$42,800 in their final expenditures estimate, but indicated that amount could be absorbed within their current appropriation. LFO agrees that amount can be absorbed within their current appropriation and estimates costs for the other expenses only.

LB⁽¹⁾ 1224

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Lisa Stanton

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/23/2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (402)479-5702

| ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | FY 2026-27 | | FY 2027-28 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

NDCS estimates no fiscal impact as a result of LB1224.

| BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Personal Services: | | | | |
| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| | 26-27 | 27-28 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
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| Operating..... | | | | |
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| Travel..... | | | | |
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| Capital | | | | |
| outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
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| Capital | | | | |
| improvements..... | | | | |

TOTAL.....

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | | DATE: 01/30/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Supreme Court's estimate of negligible fiscal impact from LB 1224. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----------------------|
| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | | DATE: 01/30/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 |
| COMMENTS: The Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact from LB 1224 appears reasonable. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|---|-----|--|-----------------------|
| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | | DATE: 01/30/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Education's assessment of negligible fiscal impact from LB 1224. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|--|-----|---|-----------------------|
| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Patrol | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | | DATE: 01/30/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska State Patrol's estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1224. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|--|-----|--|-----------------------|
| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | | DATE: 01/29/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1224. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
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| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lincoln Police Department | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | DATE: 01/29/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 | |
| COMMENTS: The Lincoln Police Department's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1224 appears reasonable. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
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| LB: 1224 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council | |
| REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns | DATE: 01/27/2026 | PHONE: (402) 471-4171 | |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council's estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1224. | | | |

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 1-29-2026

Phone: (5) 471-6719

| | FY 2026-2027 | | FY 2027-2028 | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | \$128,340 | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | \$149,740 | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$278,080 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1224 would prohibit children from transferring to an exempt school during certain child abuse or neglect investigations and prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at such schools. The bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to send notice of this restriction to transfer to an exempt school to the student's current school and the Commissioner of Education. DHHS would be required to send a second notice to the school and the Commissioner of Education once the investigation has concluded and a restriction is no longer in place on transfers to an exempt school.

To send these notices, the Nebraska Family Online Credit User System (NFOCUS) would be updated to automatically generate and send notices to the student's current school and the Commissioner of Education. The IS&T staff hours and costs associated with these updates are listed on the table below and are matched with 75% federal funds. Related Standard Operating Procedures would also need to be updated, along with the communication of these updates to field staff. These updates would take 4.5 hours; 3 hours for Program Specialist, 1 hour for Administrator I, and 0.5 hours for Attorney III. The Department would absorb the costs of updating standard operating procedures.

| Resource | Rate | Hours | Cost |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Technical Analyst | \$100 | 348 | \$34,800 |
| Business Analyst | \$80 | 100 | \$8,000 |
| Total | | | \$42,800 |

However, the changes to NFOCUS would take time to be implemented and updates to the system are only released a few times per year. A manual process would be implemented to send these notices until NFOCUS is updated. The Notice templates would need to be manually developed. This would take 2 hours; 1 hour for Program Specialist and 0.5 hours each for Administrator I and Attorney III. Using information from 2025, it is estimated that 21,138 letters would need to be sent. At approximately 15 minutes per letter, it is estimated to take about 5,284 annual staff hours to send the letters until the NFOCUS changes can be made. It is expected that Child & Family Services Specialists will send the notices. While waiting on IT changes to the NFOCUS system, the department would hire temporary staff, three Child and Family Services Specialist. The cost of temporary staff is \$218,792. At \$0.78 per stamp, it is estimated to cost \$16,488 to mail 21,138 letters. Together, the total fiscal impact is \$278,080. The staffing and stamp cost would be split 50/50 with federal and state funds. It is unclear if these notices may be emailed. If so, the stamp costs would be unnecessary.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2026-2027 | 2027-2028 |
|--|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | 26-27 | 27-28 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
| R72312 Child and Family Services Specialist (Temp) | 3.0 | 0 | \$135,307 | |

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| Benefits..... | \$47,358 | |
| Operating..... | \$95,415 | |
| Travel..... | | |
| Capital Outlay..... | | |
| Aid..... | | |
| Capital Improvements..... | | |
| TOTAL..... | \$278,080 | \$0 |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1224

FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Larianne Polk Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/27/2026 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-597-4843

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | FY 2026-27 | | FY 2027-28 | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact on ESUs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | 26-27 | 27-28 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
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| Benefits..... | | | | |
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| improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | | |

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Department of Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bryce Wilson

Date Prepared: 1/28/26
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4320

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
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| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1224 prohibits a person convicted of a sexual assault, domestic assault, child abuse, class ID or IC felony's or under an active investigation for child abuse to monitor or provide instruction at a school which elects exempt school status under section 79-1601. NDE no longer collects information related to exempt school monitors or who provides instruction at an exempt school.

DHHS is required to notify a school and the Commissioner anytime a subject who is under investigation for child abuse or neglect is a parent of a student, legal guardian or educational decisionmaker for a student so that a child cannot be withdrawn from school or enrolled in exempt school during the investigation. If a parent, legal guardian or educational decisionmaker for a student attempts to file for exempt status during an investigation, the Commissioner or school is required to report the filing with law enforcement.

Fiscal cost to the NDE and schools would be minimal.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2026-27</u> | <u>2027-28</u> |
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| | <u>26-27</u> | <u>27-28</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
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| Operating..... | | | | |
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| improvements..... | | | | |

TOTAL.....

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lincoln Police Department

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Captain Todd Kocian #940 Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/22/2026 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-441-1871

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2026-27</u> | | <u>FY 2027-28</u> | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

At this time, it does not appear there would be a fiscal impact to the Lincoln Police Department.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2026-27</u> | <u>2027-28</u> |
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| | <u>26-27</u> | <u>27-28</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
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| Benefits..... | | | | |
| Operating..... | | | | |
| Travel..... | | | | |
| Capital outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
| Capital improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | | |

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska State Patrol

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Carol Aversman

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/27/2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4545

| ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | FY 2026-27 | | FY 2027-28 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact.

| BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE | | | | |
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| Personal Services: | | | | |
| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| | 26-27 | 27-28 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
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| improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | | |

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: 1/29/2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-326-9215

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2026-27

| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2026-27</u> | <u>2027-28</u> |
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| | <u>26-27</u> | <u>27-28</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
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