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LB 1126

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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	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.

LB 1126 creates the National Career Readiness Certificate Pilot Program. The program will be administered by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS). The program aims to provide justice-involved enterprises with the opportunity to acquire the National Career Readiness Certificate.

NDCS will evaluate its success annually, with reports to be submitted on June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

The bill states intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY24-25 and FY25-26 to carry out the pilot program. NDCS estimates the need for five FTEs and technology costs to implement the program. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1126	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (046)
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COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimate of Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 1126. The fiscal note lays out the detail involved in the utilizing the \$500,000 General Fund appropriation provided by the bill in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26.		

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$500,000</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>\$500,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1126 appropriates funds to the Department of Correctional Services for the National Career Readiness Certificate Pilot Program.

NDCS estimates this would require three student laptops at each secure facility. Four additional Career Readiness Instructors and a Program Manager would be needed for facilitation of the NCRC program. These instructors could provide services at all facilities, in-person or virtually, to ensure this program is available at all custody levels. If NDCS is unable to hire those instructors, then they may contract for services through community providers. Individuals in community custody facilities (non-secure facilities) could access this program through community avenues. The department estimates it could purchase supporting internet-based curriculum for approximately \$2,500 annually. The assessment and certificate are estimated to cost approximately \$20 per certificate and this could potentially serve up to 1,400 individuals.

NDCS estimates no fiscal impact beyond the appropriation provided in the bill.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Employment Specialist	<u>4.0</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$208,341</u>	<u>\$208,341</u>
Corrections Program Manager	<u>1.0</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$64,646</u>	<u>\$64,646</u>
Benefits.....			<u>\$95,609</u>	<u>\$95,609</u>
Operating.....			<u>\$131,404</u>	<u>\$131,404</u>
Travel.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital outlay.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>