

Updated for the 2018 session. Update reflects any amendments adopted to date.

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	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.

LB515 would establish the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program to provide grants to community colleges to develop and implement local programs of integrated education and training. The bill directs the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee (by statute, this committee is chaired by a representative of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education) to administer the program and to develop and implement grant applications, procedures, and guidelines as needed. The Committee is to allocate grants of up to three years to community colleges through a competitive process. A number of criteria are cited in the legislation which are to be met by community colleges in order to be eligible to receive a grant under the proposed program. Among these criteria is a requirement that an applicant community college provide evidence of matching funds from local or philanthropic sources in an amount of not less than 25% of the total projected cost of the program for which the community college seeks grant funding. Additionally, LB515 requires the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) to develop an annual evaluation (to include data elements specified in the bill) of the proposed grant program.

Sec. 5 of the bill states legislative intent to appropriate amounts from the General Fund to carry out the proposed program and provides that up to 15% of amounts appropriated may be retained by CCPE to administer related grants, provide technical assistance and conduct the annual evaluation of the grant program. The level of such appropriations apparently would be at the discretion of the Legislature to determine.

CCPE estimates costs associated with its LB515 assigned administrative duties at \$33,750 annually. This estimate includes \$13,750 for salary and associated benefit costs to support a .20 FTE staff position to perform oversight, evaluation, and reporting duties associated with the proposed program. In addition, the CCPE administrative cost estimate includes \$20,000 annually to contract with experts in fields associated with the focus of the proposed grant program, i.e. adult education, literacy activities, remedial education, workforce preparation, and workforce preparation for a specific occupation or occupational cluster (see Sec. 2 (4) of LB515). For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that related administrative costs would begin to be incurred by CCPE during the fiscal year for which General Funds were to be appropriated to initiate the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 515	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Coordinating Comm. for Postsecondary Education
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush	DATE: 12/18/17	PHONE: 402 471-4161
COMMENTS: Agree with the estimate of the impact to the agency. The amount of General Funds to be used within the grant program is not provided.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 515

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2018-19</u>		<u>FY 2019-20</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$33,750		\$33,750	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$33,750</u>		<u>\$33,750</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 515 creates the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program, which will fund grants to community colleges to develop and implement programs that provide adult education and literacy activities with specific occupational workforce training. Grant funds awarded must include local matching funds of at least 25%. Intent language identifies General funds to carry out this program.

Sec. 3 requires the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee to coordinate oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the program. As chair of the committee and administrator of the program, these duties will most likely fall to the commission, which will report the results to the committee. These additional responsibilities would include reviewing grant applications, evaluating grant programs, monitoring match requirements, and providing technical assistance to the community colleges. The commission estimates a .20 FTE position will be required to perform the oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the program.

Also included in the commission's cost estimate is \$20,000 in operating costs for use in contracting with experts in the field to provide technical assistance to the community colleges. This training could include seminars with program experts from states and colleges with previous experience implementing similar programs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Occupational Education Specialist	.20	.20	\$11,000	\$11,000
Benefits.....			\$2,750	\$2,750
Operating.....			\$20,000	\$20,000
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$33,750</u>	<u>\$33,750</u>