

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
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.

This bill expands the Bridge to Independence (B2I) Program to young adults who experience disruption or termination of a guardianship after they attained the age of 16 or have an adoption assistance agreement. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to submit a state plan amendment by October 15, 2019 to cover the additional populations. The bill also eliminates Bridge payments to young adults who reside in a residence paid for through the Medicaid Program under a home and community-based waiver. The bill continues the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee even if the Nebraska Children’s Commission is terminated.

The Bridge to Independent stipend is \$760 a month. Pregnant and parenting youth are eligible for an additional stipend of \$246 per child. As of last month there were 204 youth ages 16 to 18 with guardianships and 46 youth of the same age with adoption agreements who were adopted after their 16th birthday. The department’s fiscal note demonstrates the cost of the rolling average of youth who might enroll, a total of 24 with three receiving the young parent stipend. Assuming the current Title IV-E penetration rate, the cost would be \$150,282 (\$119,033 GF and \$31,249 FF) in FY 2019-20 and \$200,376 (\$158,282 GF and \$41,665 FF) in FY 2020-21.

The bill eliminates stipends for youth who are in a residential placement covered by Medicaid. Approximately 5 to 7 youth enrolled in B2I reside in a center for the developmentally disabled. They are allowed to retain \$60 a month. The balance offsets Medicaid costs. For those who are Title IV-E eligible there would be no savings, as the match rates are the same for both programs. For those not eligible for Title IV-E, 54% of the payment would be a savings to the General Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 332	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
(025)			
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 03/06/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services estimate of potential but undetermined Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 332.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 332	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Foster Care Review Office (FCRO)	
REVIEWED BY: Elton Larson	DATE: 1 /18/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: I have no basis to disagree with the FCRO estimate of no fiscal impact			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 332	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court (005)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 03/06/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Supreme Court estimate of No Significant Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 332.		

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

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	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>		<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 332 is a bill relating to the Bridge to Independence (B2i) Program in the Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

This bill expands the eligible population of the program for youth whose guardianship was disrupted or terminated after the youth had attained the age of 16 years or older. The population of those youth who were adopted at age 16 or older with a federal or state funded adoption assistance agreement would also be newly eligible. LB 332 also changes stipend eligibility for youth who are receiving residential benefits under a home and community-based services waiver.

While it is unknown how many of these youth would begin enrollment in the B2i program, each youth would be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$760/month with most of the funding coming from state general funds. Currently, there are participants in B2i who are pregnant or a young parent (approximately 13% of cases has this type of stipend). These cases have a young parent eligible stipend at an average of \$246 per month per child above the normal \$760 per month stipend. If a youth is eligible for IV-E, the Department can claim federal funds on the stipend.

A point in time report from 2/25/2019 indicated that there were 204 unique youth who were 16 to 18 and had a guardianship established prior to their 16th birthday. There were also 46 unique youth age 16 to 18 who had an adoption subsidy and were adopted after their 16th birthday. One third of the population, or 84, would be a rolling average of youth aged 19 years old and would be the newly eligible B2i population. It is uncertain how many would be enrolled. To demonstrate a level of magnitude, if 25% enrolled on October 1, 2019 (21 new stipends and 3 new young parent stipends), total stipend costs would be \$150,282 in SFY 2020 (\$119,033 in General Funds and \$31,249 in Federal Funds) and \$200,376 in SFY 2021 (\$158,711 in GF and \$41,665 in FF). It is assumed that IV-E federal funding penetration rate would be 38% (consistent with current program IV-E penetration) and those eligible youth would be eligible for IV-E funding at an assumed FMAP rate of 54.72%.

A provision in the bill requires the Department to appoint the chair and other committee members to the B2i Advisory Committee if the Nebraska Children’s Commission terminates. This would require additional staff time and resources to complete this obligation. This would be absorbed by current staff.

DHHS will be required to complete a major rule and regulation change as a result of LB 332. DHHS will absorb the estimated costs listed below to complete this regulation change.

Title	Hours	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
Director	4	72.115	\$ 288
Deputy Director	4	51.923	\$ 208
Administrator I	4	29.354	\$ 117
Program Specialist	8	21.466	\$ 172
Program Analyst	16	20.869	\$ 334
Attorney 3	30	32.213	\$ 966
Total Costs	66		\$ 2,086

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2019-2020	2020-2021
	19-20	20-21	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 70 – Foster Care Review Office

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	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

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2019-20	2020-21
	19-20	20-21	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</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:

LB332 will require judicial education regarding changes to the bridge to independence program and the Department of Health and Human Services. Although there is the potential for an impact on judicial workload through increased hearings, at this time, any impact is not estimated to be significant. No additional resources required at this time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____