LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT - STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY 2022-23 |  | FY 2023-24 |  |
|  | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | ITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FUNDS |  |  | see below | see below |
| 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.
LB921 provides for the issuance of Autism Awareness license plates beginning on January 1, 2024. The plates may be either alphanumeric or personalized message plates.

Applicants for:

- Alphanumerical plates pay an additional initial and renewal fee of $\$ 5$ which is credited to the newly created Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Cash Fund (ASDCF).
- Personalized message plates pay an annual $\$ 40$ plate fee of which $25 \%(\$ 10)$ is credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund (DMVCF) and 75\% (\$30) to the ASDCF.

The ASDCF will be utilized by the Department of Education to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that specialize in direct services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

## Revenue:

All applicants for plates pay a per plate fee (current fee is $\$ 3.30$ ), which is capped at $\$ 3.50$ by current statute. If the manufacturing cost of the plates exceeds the amount charged as a regular plate fee, the revenue remitted to the ASDCF is reduced by the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged for a plate set, and is credited to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). The bill contains language providing for the plates to be designed to limit the manufacturing cost to equal to or less than the amount charged for the plates.

- The DMV estimates the new plates will cost $\$ 3.60$ per plate to manufacture, making the difference $\$ 0.60$ per plate set. This requires an adjustment to the revenue deposited in the ASDCF in the amount of $\$ 600$ in FY24 based on the estimated number of plate sets to be issued.

DMV estimates, which are based on historical trends, provide that 1000 sets of plates will be sold each fiscal year. Because the bill provides that the plates will be available January 1, 2024, the estimated number of plate sets for FY24 has been adjusted to 500 . An Additional assumption by the DMV is that 75 percent of plate sets will be alphanumeric and 25 percent personalized message. The table below provides estimated revenue amounts based on these assumptions.

| Autism Awareness Plate Revenue | FY24 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Revenue | $\$ 6,875$ |
| HTF Credit | $\$ 600$ |
| ASDCF Portion (less HTF Credit) | $\$ 5,025$ |
| DMVCF Portion | $\$ 1,250$ |

The bill allows owners to apply to the country treasurer to transfer specialty plates from one owned vehicle to another. The application fee for the transfer is $\$ 3.00$. The fees are placed in the DMVCF. The number of transfers is unknown, thus an estimate is not provided.

## Expenditures:

The DMV has indicated there will be costs in FY24 associated with modifying the Vehicle Titling and Registration and plate management computer systems to accommodate the new plates. The department indicates it can handle the estimated 80 hours of programming and testing with existing staff and resources.

Other expenditures include the cost of manufacturing Autism Awareness plates. The DMV estimates that each plate will cost $\$ 3.60$ to manufacture. This cost is attributable to the License Plate Cash Fund (LPCF) which receives transfers from the HTF only for the purposes of producing the license plates and the validation decals that are affixed to each plate. The table below provides expenditure estimates based on the number of plate sets the DMV estimates will be issued.

| Expenditures for Autism Awareness <br> Plates | FY24 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Estimate to Manufacture a Single Plate | $\$ 3.60$ |
| Estimated Plate Sets to Manufacture | 500 |
| Total Expenditures | $\$ 3,600$ |

## Agency Fiscal Notes (see attached):

The fiscal note DMV provided is similar to the information above except that the reduction in revenue to the ASDCF due to the cost of manufacturing exceeding what is currently charged does not appear to be accounted for.

The Department of Education estimates $\$ 80,000$ in revenue and expenditures each fiscal year. This appears to be a high estimate based on historical trends when new types of plates are issued.


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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

|  | FY 2022-23 |  | FY 2023-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FUNDS |  |  | 3,600 | 6,875 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER FUNDS |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL FUNDS |  |  | 3,600 | 6,875 |

Explanation of Estimate:
Effective date of January 1, 2024 - Autism Awareness Plate
Program 070
There will be 80 hours of Programming and Testing for this new plate that can be absorbed within existing DMV appropriation.

Past history has shown that 1000 sets of these plates will be sold every fiscal year. Due to the effective date of January 1, 2024 we estimate 500 sets of plates will be sold during the first fiscal year. In addition, past history has shown that $75 \%$ of the plates sold are Numeric plates and $25 \%$ are Message plates.

FY23-24 Revenue 500 sets sold -375 Numeric plates at $\$ 5$ each will be credited to the State Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Cash Fund - $\$ 1,875$ and 125 Message plates at $\$ 40$ each will be credited $\$ 1,250$ to the DMV Cash Fund and $\$ 3,750$ to the State Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Cash Fund.

## Program 090

500 sets (1000 plates) at $\$ 3.60=\$ 3,600$ FY 2023-24

| BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Personal Services: |  |  |  |
| POSITION TITLE |  | 2022-23 <br> EXPENDITURES | 2023-24 <br> EXPENDITURES |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Benefits.. |  |  |  |
| Operating. |  |  | 3,600 |
| Travel.. |  |  |  |
| Capital outlay.. |  |  |  |
| Aid.. |  |  |  |
| Capital improvements... |  |  |  |
| TOTAL............. |  |  | 3,600 |

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ${ }^{(2)}$

## Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
FY 2022-23
EXPENDITURES
F FEVEN 2023-24

| GENERAL FUNDS | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

LB1105 would create the State Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Cash Fund. Based on estimates from other such license plate programs, the NDE estimates revenue near $\$ 80,000$. The funds are to be used to provide services to individuals with autism spectrum disorders.


