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**LB 296**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

## ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB296 amends §79-303.01, §79-729, & §79-1054 to require the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court & employ registrars to provide powers & duties to the Commissioner of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

LB296 uses existing cash funds from the Nebraska Improvement Grant program that is already assigned to NDE.

NDE estimates the need for two additional employees requiring an increase of \$284,321 (160,197 salary, 91,828 benefits, & 32,296 operating expenses) for FY2025-26 & \$287,392 (165,403 salary, 94,280 benefits, & 27,709 operating expenses) for FY2026-27 in personnel service limitation (PSL).

NDE only needs additional in PSL to leverage the Nebraska Improvement Grant Funds for the hiring of these employees.

There may be a fiscal impact for the Nebraska Supreme Court to modify their system to allow automated data exchanges between NDE & the Judicial Branch, but it cannot be estimated at this time.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: <b>296</b>	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Supreme Court</b>	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/25/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: Concur with the Supreme Court's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 296 in the 2025-27 biennium.			

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: <b>296</b>	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Department of Education</b>	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/25/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: Agree with the Department of Education's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 296 but suspect the salary authority impact amount for two new FTE is overstated. Benefits and operational costs would fall within the current spending authority for the noted cash fund.			

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**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Education

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Lane Carr Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1.21.25 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402.419.3012

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>		<b>FY 2026-27</b>	
	<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </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>          0          </u>	<u>          0          </u>	<u>          0          </u>	<u>          0          </u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB296 requires the NDE to create and maintain a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court and employ registrars to facilitate the immediate transfer of student records when students change schools by order of the juvenile court. The bill uses existing cash funds from the Nebraska Improvement Grant program already assigned to the State Board of Education to carry out the bill's provisions. The NDE would only need salary authority to leverage Improvement Grant Funds for the hiring of these employees. The Department estimates employing two staff which would be Education Specialist IIIs, requiring \$284,321 in personnel service limitation authority.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>		<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	<b><u>25-26</u></b>	<b><u>26-27</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>
Program Specialist II	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>160,197</u>	<u>165,403</u>
Benefits.....			<u>91,828</u>	<u>94,280</u>
Operating.....			<u>32,296</u>	<u>27,709</u>
Travel.....			<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Aid.....			<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Capital improvements.....			<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			<u>\$284,321</u>	<u>\$287,392</u>
			<u>(Salary</u>	<u>(Salary</u>
TOTAL.....			<u>Authority)</u>	<u>Authority)</u>

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Eric Asboe Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/23/2025 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-326-9215

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
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Explanation of Estimate:

Creation of a centralized education records system by the Department of Education will not have an immediate fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch. Beyond the next biennium, it may be possible or necessary to modify the system with automated data exchanges between the Department and the Judicial Branch. Those modifications may have a fiscal impact, which cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

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