

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.

LB462 amends Nebraska's child abuse and neglect laws by clarifying definitions, changing mandatory reporting requirements, and adjusting investigation procedures. It ensures that allowing children to engage in independent activities, like walking to school or staying home alone for a reasonable time, is not considered neglect if they are mature enough.

The bill requires mandatory reporters to complete training every two years on child abuse identification, implicit bias, and alternative support options. It also addresses coordination between law enforcement, child advocacy centers, and child welfare agencies for more effective investigations.

The Supreme Court reports minimal fiscal impact for judicial education with no need for extra resources. Any potential increase in court workload from longer or additional hearings is uncertain, but not expected to be significant.

The Department of Health and Human Services states that Children and Family Services (CFS) will need to update its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for placing individuals on the central registry and provide staff training. This includes a total of 7 staff hours for updates and 120 hours for a Training Coordinator to develop and implement online training, which will be updated every five years. Web updates will cost \$2,300 to make the training publicly available.

CFS must also establish regulations and training for mandatory reporters, requiring a total of 9 staff hours and 1-2 hours of training per reporter. All costs and workload will be absorbed within existing staff and budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 462	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 2/5/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Health and Human Services' estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 462.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 462	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Patrol	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 2/4/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the State Patrol's estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 462.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 462	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Omaha Police Department	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 2/4/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Omaha Police Department's estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 462.			

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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Date Prepared 2-4-25

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	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>		<u>FY 2026-2027</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB462 changes definitions related to abuse and neglect, including juvenile court jurisdiction and termination of parental rights. The bill also changes reporting requirements for suspected child abuse or neglect.

CFS would need to update its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) relating to placing individuals on the central registry and provide related training to staff. Updating the SOP would require hours from the following staff: Program Specialist (up to 4 hours), Administrator 1 (1 hour), Attorney III (1 hour), and 2 Deputy Directors (1 hour total). The training would require a Training Coordinator to spend 120 hours consulting, developing, and coordinating the implementation of online training. The training will need to be updated every five years, requiring additional time for a Training Coordinator. The Web Apps would need to be updated, and it would cost \$2,300 to post the training publicly.

Section 5 of LB462 requires CFS to promulgate regulations to implement the bill, which includes training for mandatory reporters. Promulgating the regulations would require hours from the following staff: Program Specialist (up to 5 hours), Administrator 1 (2 hours), Attorney III (1 hour), and Deputy Director (1 hour). It will take 1-2 hours to train every mandatory reporter on the changes in the bill.

The Department of Health and Human Services will absorb all related costs and hours within existing staff and appropriations.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026 EXPENDITURES	2026-2027 EXPENDITURES
	26-26	26-27		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Omaha Police Department

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/27/25

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 462: Reporting requirements for child abuse & child neglect.
The Omaha Police Department does not anticipate any fiscal impact related to LB 462.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State Patrol

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/29/2025

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	<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:

NO FISCAL IMPACT

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required. Any potential impact on judicial workload related to increased or longer hearings cannot be determined at this time but is not estimated to be significant.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				