

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2014-15</b>		<b>FY 2015-16</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
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.**

LB 923 requires school personnel including nurses, teachers, counselors, psychologists, administrators and other appropriate staff, to receive at least one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year beginning in 2014-15. The training is to be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered by the State Department of Education (NDE) or as part of required professional development activities. NDE is to develop a list of approved training materials and may develop rules and regulations to implement the bill.

State Department of Education: NDE requested funding in its supplemental budget request for FY14 and FY15 of \$44,000 general funds to replace federal funds for a .75 FTE School Health Specialist. The federal Center for Disease Control discontinued formula grants to states for school health programs and is awarding funds on a competitive basis. Nebraska tried but was unsuccessful in securing the competitive dollars. The department will continue to receive about \$58,900 of federal funds for school health programs, of which \$25,000 can be used for salary and benefits of staff. NDE requested the general funds to ensure that the current position is retained. This position provides school health training programs in addition to other activities related to school health programs.

The bill will increase the workload of the department to develop a list of approved training materials to be used in training programs for school personnel. The development of the training materials likely can be accomplished with existing staff and resources of the agency. However, if the school health consultant position is no longer funded in the department, there will be no training programs offered by the department relating specifically to suicide awareness and prevention. The bill does not specifically require NDE to provide a training program. The fiscal impact of the bill is dependent upon whether the Legislature opts to replace the federal funds to retain a full-time school health specialist.

School Districts: School districts may have increased expenditures to provide one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training to staff every year. Any increased expenditures will depend upon how and where the training is provided and whether the training replaces other professional development activities.

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**2014**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 923**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

	<u>FY 2014-15</u>		<u>FY 2015-16</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$55,158	0	\$49,348	0
CASH FUNDS	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The total amount above is based on the current salary of our Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator. She is currently funded part-time by a CDC grant to conduct surveillance in regards to school and student health and is responsible for the NE Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the School Health Profiles which provided the data for the Staff Analysis.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
	<u>14-15</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Safe & Healthy Schools Coordinator	.5 FTE	.5 FTE	\$25,677	\$26,254
Benefits.....			\$13,559	\$13,617
Operating.....			\$ 4,287	\$ 3,962
Travel.....			\$ 5,355	\$ 5,515
Capital outlay.....			\$ 6,280	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$55,158</b>	<b>\$49,348</b>