

## LB 245 FISCAL NOTE

Revised on 1/28/92 based on amendments adopted through 1/9/92.

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FUND	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
General	\$315,025	
Cash		
Federal		
Revolving		
TOTAL 1992-93	\$315,025	
TOTAL 1993-94	\$307,800	

LB 245, as amended, creates the Nebraska Schools Accountability Commission consisting of fourteen members. The Commission is required to identify standards for learner outcomes and a method of assessing student progress towards achieving the standards. The Commission terminates on July 1, 1998.

It is estimated that increased General Fund expenditures for the Nebraska School Accountability Commission will be \$15,025 in 1992-93 and \$7,800 in 1993-94. Members of the Commission are eligible for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses. It is assumed that seven meetings of the Commission will be held in 1992-93 to implement Phase I of the bill and four meetings will be held in 1993-94 to begin on Phase II.

Section 3 of LB 245 requires the Commission to recommend state standards for learner outcome by January 1, 1993. The State Department of Education estimates that it will take approximately \$100,000 to develop standards or frameworks for each of the four subject areas outlined in LB 245. It is probably not possible to develop all four frameworks by January 1, 1993, so a fiscal impact of \$100,000 for each of the next four years to develop standards is estimated.

Section 4 requires the Commission to develop assessments which measure student progress towards achieving standards. The bill allows the Commission to work with the State Department of Education, teachers, school officials, a consortium of other states and assessment experts to develop assessments in math, science, reading and language arts. It is estimated by the State Department of Education that \$200,000 General Funds will be needed in 1992-93 and 1993-94 to begin developing assessments.

This fiscal note assumes that existing staff of the Legislative Council and the State

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Concur with Department of Education estimate.

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Department, of Education will assist the Commission in its responsibilities and no additional staff will be required.

In summary, the estimated increase in General Funds required to implement LB 245 is as follows:

	1992-93	1993-94
Expenses of Schools Accountability Commission	\$15,025	\$7,800
Development of Standards/Frameworks	100,000	100,000
Development of Assessments	200,000	200,000
	\$315,025	\$307,800