FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 8, 2015

Agency Submitting: Nevada Department of Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
General fund DSA (Expense)	\$826,233	\$858,556	\$869,288	\$900,000
Total	\$826,233	\$858,556	\$869,288	\$900,000

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This measure requires the Department to reimburse a private residential treatment facility in an amount equal to the basic support guarantee and not reduce the amount from the respective school district. This measure amends NRS 387.1225, which authorizes a hospital with a private school to request reimbursement for school services from the Department of Education. If the child attends the private school for more than 7 days – the Department withholds a percent of the basic support guarantee that the school district or charter school would receive.

The current method (percentage of the basic support guarantee) required \$199,201 in FY 2014 and the projected FY 2015 expenditures are \$212,748. These payments were reduced from the resident school district's DSA (Distributive School Account) payment. Under this measure (as written), the cost would be State General Fund of \$826,233 in FY 2014. The projections for the upcoming biennium are State General Fund of \$858,556 in FY 2016 and \$869,288 in FY 2017. This measure will require duplicated funding for the student: basic support per pupil to the school district for the enrollment and to the private hospital for the enrollment.

For enrollment projections, we utilized a 1.25% enrollment growth to coincide with the recommended budget for the DSA.

Currently, there are two such hospitals - Willow Springs (Washoe Conty) and Montevista (Clark County).

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS The agency's response appears reasonable.	Date	Friday, February 06, 2015
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