

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 16, 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
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This measure makes changes concerning policies governing data which includes information about pupils that is maintained by the Department of Education (NDE). Section 2 of this bill requires NDE to establish, publish, and make publicly available on its website information on the data elements collected with respect to pupils. NDE is able to comply with the provisions of this section utilizing existing staff. The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted a Data Security Plan that complies with Section 3 of this measure. NDE utilizes a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) agreement when entering into any contract that involves pupil data that complies with Section 4 of this measure. Section 5 of this measure will require the Department to adopt a detailed plan to provide security of any data concerning pupils that is collected, maintained and transferred. The Governor's Recommended Budget includes a request in Budget Account 2716 (Decision Unit E-229) to support contracts to work in three key areas to ensure statewide data is of the highest integrity. These areas include: Auditing and Data Forensics; Professional Development for teachers with web resources; and Computer based testing. If this decision is funded, then NDE will be able to comply with this section of the bill within its Legislatively approved budget. However, should this decision unit not be approved, then this provision would have a fiscal impact on the Department. Section 6 of this bill amends the requirements for NDE's annual report on the state of public education in the state. NDE is able to comply with this section within its existing resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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