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**LB 196** 

Revision: 01

## **FISCAL NOTE**

Revised to reflect AM3100 & AM3151

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE** 

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)								
	FY 2024-25 FY 2025-26							
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE				
GENERAL FUNDS	\$2,770,810		\$2,770,810					
CASH FUNDS	\$691,778		\$671,778					
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$117,465		\$117,465					
OTHER FUNDS	\$11,427		\$11,427					
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,591,480		\$3,571,480					

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

AM3100 amends §81-2026 & §81-2107 to eliminate the changes to the surviving spouse benefits & eliminates changes to the Cost of Living Adjustment provisions (Section 3 - Tier I employees & Section 4 - Tier II employees) & addresses the contribution rates for State Patrol retirement system members & the state, as employers, by decreasing the patrol members contribution & increasing the State's contribution. Beginning July 1, 2024, the member contribution is reduced to 10% from the current 17% (for Patrol members hired after 7/1/26) or 16% (members hired prior to 7/1/16) & adds language that increases the State/employer contribution rate from 17% to 24%.

AM3151 amends §81-8, 318 to extend the ability to receive compensation under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act, a claim for the compensation will be filed with the Risk Manager within three years after the date of death of the public safety officer who was killed in the line of duty for any claim arising on or after January 1, 2022.

LB196 amends several statutes to change the provisions relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System & benefits provided upon the death of an officer after their retirement & an annual benefit adjustment.

Upon the death of an officer after retirement for reasons other than disability, benefits will be provided as a percentage of the amount of the officer's annuity: the percent of benefit to surviving family will be increased from 75% to 100%.

Starting July 1, 2023, each officer while in the service of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) will pay or have paid on the officer's behalf a sum equal to 8% of the officer's monthly compensation. There will also be an assessment against the appropriation of the NSP a sum equal to the amount of 25% of each officer's monthly compensation, which will be credited to the State Patrol Retirement Fund.

## **EXPENDITURES:**

The Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems (NPERS) estimates the need for \$20,000 to update the necessary programming to meet the changes in LB196, AM3100, & AM3151.

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) estimates that the changes in the contribution rates from LB196 will increase their expenses by \$3,571,480 annually.

There could be additional costs related to the changes to the Line of Duty Compensation Act, those costs would go through the claims process & cannot be determined at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE						
LB: 196 AM: 3100 AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Revenue						
REVIEWED BY:	REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 4/2/2024 PHONE: (402) 471-4174					
COMMENTS: The Department of Revenue's assessment of no fiscal impact to the agency from LB 196, as amended by AM3100, appears reasonable.						

ADMIN	ISTRATIVE SERVICE	S STATE BUDGET DIVISION: RE	EVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 196	AM: 3151	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebr	aska Public Employees Retirement Systems (NPERS)			
REVIEWED E	REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 4/3/2024 PHONE: (402) 471-4174					
COMMENTS: The NPERS' assessment of fiscal impact to agency operations from LB 196, as amended by AM3151, appears reasonable.						

ADMINIS	STRATIVE SERVICE	ES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REV	TIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 196	AM: 3100	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State F	Patrol			
REVIEWED BY	∕: Ryan Walton	DATE: 3/25/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4174			
COMMENTS: The State Patrol assessment of fiscal impact from LB 196, as amended by AM3100, appears reasonable.						

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2)

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	ESTIMATE PRO	VIDED BY	STATE AGE	NCY OR POLITIC	AL SUBDIVIS	SION
		<u> 2024-25</u>			FY 2025	
GENERAL FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	<u>R</u>	<u>EVENUE</u>	EXPENDIT	<u>URES</u>	REVENUE
CASH FUNDS	0			0		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS	0			0		
Explanation of Estima LB 196 will change th		g to Nebra	aska State F	Patrol Retirement	System.	
AM3151 changes the safety officer who wa			naybe filed v	with Risk Manage	ement after th	ne death of a public
Personal Services:	BREAKDOW	N BY MAJ	OR OBJEC	S OF EXPENDIT	URE	
POSITION T	ITLE N	UMBER OF 24-25	POSITIONS 25-26	EXPENDIT		2025-26 EXPENDITURES
Benefits						
Operating						
Travel						
Capital outlayAid						
Capital improvements						

## **FISCAL NOTE LB**<sup>(1)</sup> 196, AM3100 Nebraska State Patrol State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Prepared by: (3) Carol Aversman Date Prepared: (4) 03-21-2024 Phone: (5) 402-479-4545 ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FY 2024-25 FY 2025-26 **EXPENDITURES REVENUE EXPENDITURES REVENUE GENERAL FUNDS** \$2,770,810 \$2,770,810 **CASH FUNDS** \$671,778 \$671,778 FEDERAL FUNDS \$117,465 \$117,465 **OTHER FUNDS** \$11,427 \$11,427 TOTAL FUNDS \$3,571,480 \$3,571,480

## **Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 196 increases the amount of the retirement contributions that the Agency must make to the sworn officers' retirement accounts. The current requirement is 16% of earnings for officers hired prior to 7/1/16, and 17% of earnings for officers hired on or after 7/1/16. LB 196, AM3100 increases the required contribution that the Agency must make to 24%. The amendment also reflects a change in the required contribution that the Officers must make to 10% from 16% of earnings for Officers hired prior to 7/1/16 and from 17% for Officers hired on or after 7/1/16.

The Agency estimates total additional costs of \$3,571,481 for the 482 officers that comprise its authorized staffing levels (filled positions and vacancies). This includes estimated increased contributions totaling \$289,303 on overtime wages. This estimate is based on the calendar year to date overtime paid in 2023. The estimate also includes additional retirement contributions totaling \$15,271 on incentive shift payments required to be paid. This estimate is based on calendar year to date incentive shift payments paid in 2023.

It is important to note that the estimates provided above have been adjusted from the original fiscal impact calculated in 2023 for LB 196. The negotiated SLEBC contract resulted in salary increases of 22.1% for Troopers, Sergeants, Investigative Officers, and Investigative Sergeants effective 7/1/23. The original 2023 fiscal note was calculated prior to the contract being signed off on, and therefore it did not include the fiscal impact of these much higher salary levels. The impact of the additional 7/1/23 22.1% salary increases has now been reflected in this fiscal note.

It is also important to note that because the estimate was completely recalculated based on the higher salary levels, the entire fiscal impact of LB 196, including AM3100, has been reflected here. Therefore, this is not just the impact resulting from AM 3100.

BREAKI	OOWN BY MAJO	OR OBJECTS O	F EXPENDITURE	
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF 1 24-25	POSITIONS <u>25-26</u>	2024-25 EXPENDITURES	2025-26 EXPENDITURES
Benefits			\$3,571,480	\$3,571,480
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Operating				
Travel				
Capital outlay				
Aid				
Capital improvements				
TOTAL			\$3,571,480	\$3,571,480

State Agency Estimate							
State Agency Name: Department of	f Revenue				Date Due LFO:		
Approved by: James R. Kamm		Date Prepared:	04/01/2024		Phone: 471-5896		
	FY 2024	1-2025	FY 2025	5-202 <u>6</u>	FY 2020	5-2027	
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	
General Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0	
Cash Funds							
Federal Funds							
Other Funds							
Total Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0	

LB 196 amended by AM3100 adjusts the beginning date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024 and for each officer while in service of the Nebraska State Patrol; it changes the percentage from 8% to 10% of the officer's monthly compensation to pay or have paid on the officer's behalf for each officer.

AM 3100 also changes the beginning date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024 and the percentage of the sum from 25% to 24% of each officer's monthly compensation that will be assessed against the State Patrol's appropriation and credited to the State Patrol Retirement Fund

AM 3100 repeals Sec. 2. Original section 81-2017

It is estimated that this bill will have no impact on General Fund revenues.

It is estimated that there will be no cost to the Department of Revenue to implement this bill.

Major Objects of Expenditure								
Class Code	Classification Title	24-25 <u>FTE</u>	25-26 <u>FTE</u>	26-27 <u>FTE</u>	24-25 Expenditures	25-26 Expenditures	26-27 Expenditures	
Benefits								
Operating Costs								
Capital Outlay								
Capital Improvements								