## LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 20, 2025

Agency Submitting: Local Government

| Items of Revenue or<br>Expense, or Both | Fiscal Year<br>2024-25 | Fiscal Year<br>2025-26 | Fiscal Year<br>2026-27 | Effect on Future<br>Biennia |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |                        |                        |                        |                             |
| Total                                   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                           |

**Explanation** 

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

## Local Government Responses SB174 / BDR 34 - 53

School District: Carson City School District

Approved by: Spencer Winward, Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Comment: We cannot determine the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation. We would anticipate some costs in policy development and legal review of creating the policy as defined by the new language. We also anticipate additional employee hours needed to assist with the collaboration and in-classroom observation of pupils by private instructional personnel. We note the new language does specify the district is not to be charged for treatment or services addressed by the policy. We also anticipate and increase in background check fees and labor to vet Private instructional personnel who would be present in our schools. We cannot reasonable estimate the costs associated with the proposed legislation.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: Churchill County School District

Approved by: Christi Fielding, Comptroller

Comment: There would be a time requirement to develop the policy, as well as time involved in communicating with all families regarding the policy, either by reaching out to the families, or by producing a mailing. There would also be a time requirement to produce the reporting to the Department. It's not possible at this time to attach a dollar amount of impact, but it wouldn't be too significant. One concern is being able to secure professionals to assist the students - it has been increasingly more difficult to find speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists and social workers to assist with our students, and being located in a remote area further exacerbates the problem. If the districts are required by law to provide these services to any family with medical need that requests them, but aren't able to hire someone to provide the treatment, the district is placed in a compromising position that could also potentially create a fiscal impact.

| FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|------------|------------|----------------|
| \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |
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School District: Elko County School District

Approved by: Cassandra Stahlke, Chief Financial Officer

Comment: In rural areas there may not be many providers of specialized services for students with autism. This could lead to the need to contract out services, which may incur additional costs.

| Impact     | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Has Impact | \$0        | \$80,000   | \$80,000   | \$160,000      |

School District: Lincoln County School District

Approved by: Pam Teel, Superintendent

Comment: Cannot determine cost as it would impact creating policy, then cost to report and notify parents, and cost of treatment from private entity that will be provided in the school setting. The cost could be substantial to a small school district who already provides IDEA and FAPE to all students in need of services.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: Lyon County School District

Approved by: Kyle Rodriguez, Fiscal Services Officer Comment: Unable to determine if there is a fiscal impact.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: Nye County School District

Approved by: Alma Wright, Executive Secretary

Comment: Unable to determine.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: Pershing County School District

Approved by: Dennis Holmes, Superintendent

Comment: Unable to determine.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: Washoe County School District

Approved by: Mark Mathers, CFO

Comment: Section 2.(d) of the bill states that the school district is not responsible for any costs associated with private companies providing services during the school day.

However, District staff will have to track all of this information, ensure each physician's medical services can be provided in a school setting, ensure all providers have completed volunteer applications/fingerprinting and support schools when these service providers go beyond their scope. Thus, there will be costs related to staffing. This will be a significant additional burden, requiring additional staff. It will impact Student Records, Nursing, Sped, 504, Principals, Teachers, and our IT Department. Additional services can be provided by private providers but WCSD staff will have to coordinate the curriculum and instructional materials if the student is set to earn credits. For all of these reasons, there will be costs for capacity of implementation of the bill.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

School District: White Pine County School District

Approved by: Paul Johnson, CFO

Comment: This legislation would likely have a significant fiscal impact on school districts. It requires districts to develop and implement new policies for students with autism spectrum disorders, increase administrative tasks, provide additional services, and conduct more background checks. The prohibition on charging certain fees would not apply because we do not charge pupils, parents, or guardians for services. While the exact financial impact is unclear, this legislation would create additional administrative and financial burdens.

| Impact                  | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Future Biennia |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Cannot Be<br>Determined | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0            |

The following school districts did not provide a response: Douglas County School District, Esmeralda County School District, Eureka County School District, Humboldt County School District, Lander County School District, Mineral County School District, and Storey County School District.