

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB1064

Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council

Date of Request: January 8, 1999

- Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

Based on the estimated hours provided by the family that requested the legislation, the cost for provision of the services is based on one hour per month of speech pathology, one hour per month of occupational therapy, and one hour per month of services from a certificated teacher. The total cost of these services based on estimates from the special education unit in question would be approximately \$240 per month. Travel reimbursement to provide the services is estimated at \$50 per month. The total cost would be approximately \$290 per month X 9 months = \$2610 per school year.

Because the proposed legislation is written without any limitation to the amount of services that a family may request from the school district, it is impossible to estimate what the fiscal impact might be if a family would choose to request more extensive services. For example, if a family would request 5 hours of speech pathology services per week, rather than one hour per month, the cost of this service would increase to \$1000 per month or \$9000 per school year. If the other services were requested at this level (five hour per week), the cost might rise to \$2340 per month or \$21,060 per year. (continued on second page)

- State** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Special Fund	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
Revenues:	0 ¹	0	0 ¹	0	0 ¹	0
Expenditures:	0	0	0	0	0	0


- What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- For rest of 1997-99 biennium: No effect on Department budget
- For the 1999-2001 biennium: No effect on Department budget
- For the 2001-03 biennium: No effect on Department budget

- County, City, and School District** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts X ²	Counties	Cities	School Districts X ²	Counties	Cities	School Districts X ²

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed 

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#1. Narrative (continued from page 1)

There were 81 children with autism identified by North Dakota school districts during the 1997-98 school year. The potential cost if all families should choose to receive home education based on the estimates above, would be between \$211,410 and \$1,705,860. State support available to the school district will vary based on the number of hours of service the children receive per month. For example, in the first scenario with the child receiving 3 hours of service per month, the school district would receive a proportional amount of foundation aid and special education funding based on average daily membership. In the second scenario with the child receiving 60 hours per month, a larger proportion of a foundation aid payment would be available to the district to offset costs.

¹District is not eligible for funding under NDCC 15-59 based on the assignment of fiscal responsibilities as identified in the bill.

²It is difficult to estimate the fiscal effect because the number of families that might access this option is not known. Potential estimates of the impact on local districts are included in the narrative above.