FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2149
LC# 23.0394.03000
02/02/2023

1 - State Fiscal Effect

Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				$4,257,700		$5,676,933
Expenditures				$4,257,700		$5,676,933
Appropriations				$4,257,700		$5,676,933

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

Engrossed SB2149 relates to the creation of a 988 crisis hotline program, stabilization fund and the imposition of a 988 access fee. It also provides for a continuing appropriation.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Engrossed SB2149 creates a 988 crisis hotline program that will establish a 988 surcharge. Using NDCC 57-40.6-02(2), this fee of $0.30 would go into effect 1/1/2024 and would be applied to every cell phone line (excluding prepaid cell phones) and landline. This would generate $4,257,700 in revenue for the 988 crisis stabilization fund for the 2023-2025 biennium. The Department would request an FTE in order to manage the objectives outlined in the bill. It is anticipated that the Department would incur expenditures in developing and establishing the 988 crisis hotline program to the level of revenue received.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

Engrossed SB2149 would generate $4,257,500 in revenue for the 988 crisis stabilization fund during the 2023-2025 biennium.

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The Department would request an FTE, with the cost being $219,368, all of which we would anticipate to be funded with the 988 crisis stabilization fund. Additionally, the Department would expect to incur expenditures up to the amount of revenue earned in the 988 crisis stabilization fund.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

For the 2023-2025 biennium the Department would need an appropriation increase of $219,368, all of which is other funds, for salaries and benefits and an appropriation increase of $4,038,332, all of which is other funds, for operating.

For the 2025-2027 biennium the Department would need an appropriation increase of $219,368, all of which is other funds, for salaries and benefits and an appropriation increase of $5,457,565, all of which is other funds, for operating.

Engrossed SB 2149 includes an appropriation of $50,000 in general fund for the Department of Health and Human Services. It is our understanding that this appropriation is intended for the office of the State Tax Commissioner.

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