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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2000-2001		FY 2001-2002	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 8,258		\$ 6,597	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 33,033	\$ 33,033	\$ 26,386	\$ 26,386
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$41,291	\$ 33,033	\$ 32,983	\$ 26,386

*Does not include impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 1366 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired (HHS) to establish standards and procedures for a statewide digital voice newspaper delivery system and to oversee its operation. HHS is to enter into contracts to operate the system, provide space for the equipment, provide daily monitoring, advertise the system, recruit users, develop procedures to certify users and serve as a coordinator between the system operator and certified users. Users of the system are not to be charged for access other than long-distance charges incurred while accessing the system.

HHS estimates an annual cost of \$16,000 for a dial-in news line system with three national and two local newspapers. The annual basic line charge for the phone service is estimated to be \$240 per year. One-time set-up costs of \$5,000 are estimated to provide access to one of the local newspapers in 2000-01. Access to the other local newspaper was obtained through a pilot project. The department indicates the need for a .5 Rehabilitation Assistant to administer the contract, monitor the system, advertise, recruit persons for user certification and coordinate the system with the operator and users. The estimated expenditure for the .5 position will be \$20,051 in 2000-01 and \$16,743 in 2001-02. Federal funds can be obtained to pay for 80% of the cost of the newspaper delivery system.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
<u>HHS</u> - Estimates are within reason.			
<u>HHS Finance & Support</u> - Estimates are within reason.			