



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1228: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies the licensing requirements for marriage and family therapists.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, marriage and family therapists must complete an internship or practicum. After March 1, 2027, the bill allows graduates of master's or doctoral programs in marriage and family therapy that did not include an internship or practicum to be licensed with 700 additional supervised clinical hours.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) for rulemaking and outreach. Because DORA already oversees marriage and family therapists, this workload can be absorbed within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies