



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1214: SUNSET SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROG LICENSING

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Colorado Licensing of Controlled Substance Act for 15 years, until September 1, 2041, and makes technical changes to various definitions.

Types of impacts. The bill's impacts are from continuing a program currently scheduled to repeal, which will extend existing fiscal impacts through FY 2040-41 in the following areas:

- State Expenditures
- State Revenue

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
Continuation of Current State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$54,500
State Expenditures	\$0	\$666,187
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$54,500
Change in State FTE	\$0	5.1 FTE

These impacts result from continuing a program scheduled to repeal and reflect the extension of current revenue and spending levels. Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the tables below.

Table 1A
Continuation of State Revenue

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds	\$0	\$54,500
Total Revenue	\$0	\$54,500

Table 1B
Continuation of State Expenditures

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	\$0	\$476,997
Cash Funds	\$0	\$27,423
Federal Funds	\$0	\$161,767
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$666,187
Total FTE	0.0 FTE	5.1 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Colorado Licensing of Controlled Substance Act for 15 years, until September 1, 2041, as recommended in the Department of Regulatory Agencies [2025 sunset](#) review of the program. The bill also updates several definitions to conform with current practice, including "substance abuse disorder," "withdrawal management," "opioid treatment program," and "opioid use disorder", and repeals several terms that are no longer referenced in the Act.

Background

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in the Department of Human Services (CDHS) regulates substance abuse treatment programs under the Colorado Licensing of Controlled Substances Act by issuing licenses, investigating complaints, conducting inspections, and enforcing compliance.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the CDHS's FY 2026-27 budget request, the Colorado Licensing of Controlled Substances program is expected to have expenditures of \$666,817 and 5.1 FTE, paid by the General Fund, the General Licensure Cash Fund, and federal funds as shown in Table 1B. In FY 2023-24, the BHA licensed 109 treatment facilities at a fee of \$500 per registration, collecting about \$54,500 in licensing fees to the General Licensure Cash Fund. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2027-28. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will enter a one-year wind-down period and then end on September 1, 2027, one year after its statutory repeal date. If allowed to repeal, state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2027-28 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

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

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).