



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1335: ABORTION MEDICATION ACCESS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires public and private institutions of higher education to provide access to abortion medication, with religious exemptions.

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

- Institutions of Higher Education

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

By August 1, 2027, the bill requires higher education institutions operating a student health center—including public and private institutions of higher education and local district colleges—to provide access to abortion medication, unless doing so conflicts with the institution’s religious beliefs. If the institution has an on-site pharmacy, the medication must be available on campus. The bill prohibits liability insurers from taking adverse action against institutions due to their compliance with the bill and specifies student patient record privacy requirements.

Institutions of Higher Education

Higher education institutions and colleges will have increased costs to provide abortion medication, clinical training, and data systems updates, paid for from institutional fee revenue. The fiscal note assumes that institutions are not required to become full-service OB/GYN facilities as a result of the bill.

Abortion Medication

Abortion medication provided from an on-site pharmacy in a student health center setting ranges in cost from about \$580 to \$800. Actual costs to institutions will depend on the number of prescriptions sought.

Clinical Training and Systems Costs

Institutions will have costs or workload impacts to train or certify student health center staff. Additionally, some facilities will require information technology upgrades to comply with the bill’s privacy requirements. These costs are both one-time expenses.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Departmental Difference

Several institutions estimated a range of costs, mostly in the tens of thousands of dollars per year, for OB/GYN equipment, full-time or contract providers, after-hours support, and referral networks. A few institutions estimate costs for security upgrades or legal services. Most institutions assumed that General Fund is required to cover these costs.

The fiscal note assumes the bill does not require student health centers to expand into abortion clinics, that nothing in the bill precludes off-site referrals, and that institutional fee revenue will cover the costs of the bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education

Regulatory Agencies

Public Health and Environment

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](#).