



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-162: SENSITIVE TEST RESULTS IN HEALTH CARE

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires a delay of three business days before test results related to cancer can be released to a patient’s electronic health record or patient portal, with certain exceptions.

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

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation required.

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**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

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Starting July 1, 2027, this bill prohibits the immediate release of certain sensitive test results to a patient's electronic health record or patient portal and requires a delay of three business days after the results are finalized. Sensitive test results are defined as certain pathology, radiology, or genetic tests related to cancer. Exceptions to the delay are permitted if the provider authorizes earlier release or if the patient requests to receive the results without a delay.

The custodian of the electronic health record has to implement these requirements. Failing to comply with the requirements does not subject an individual to liability or disciplinary action.

## State Expenditures

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The bill minimally increases workload in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to provide outreach and information to health care licensees. Workload may also increase from a rise in complaints. These workload impacts are expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

## Effective Date

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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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Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment

Higher Education

Regulatory Agencies

Human Services

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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](#).