



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1142: CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

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**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law**Drafting Number:** LLS 26-0531**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 3, 2026**Fiscal note status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill authorizes limited information sharing between child advocacy centers teams and counties and provides liability protections for individuals acting in good faith.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

| Type of Impact          | Budget Year<br>FY 2026-27 | Out Year<br>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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The bill amends the definition of a “child advocacy center” in statute and defines a “child advocacy center multidisciplinary team” as a group of various professionals who work collaboratively with a child advocacy center on behalf of children served by a child advocacy center. A multidisciplinary team must include, at a minimum:

- a member of a law enforcement agency;
- a district attorney or assistant district attorney;
- a member of the county department’s child protective services unit;
- a local mental health provider;
- a local health care provider;
- a victim advocate; and
- child advocacy center staff.

The bill allows information sharing between county departments of human services and child advocacy center multidisciplinary team members when the information is relevant to protecting a child in a child maltreatment case. The bill provides civil and criminal immunity for child advocacy centers regarding the information they share between multidisciplinary teams and county departments. It also provides civil immunity for child advocacy center board members, staff, and volunteers for actions taken in good faith during the investigation of child maltreatment or for disclosures of information with the child advocacy center multidisciplinary team. Civil immunity does not extend to acts of gross negligence, wanton misconduct, intentional wrongdoing, or medical negligence.

## **State Expenditures**

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To the extent adding immunity to child advocacy centers reduces civil and criminal cases, workload to the courts and other agencies involved in the criminal justice system will decrease. Any decrease will be minimal as it is assumed cases against child advocacy centers are minimal. Lastly, the bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Human Services to update its rules concerning information sharing allowed by the bill.

## **Local Government**

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County workload may increase to share relevant information with child advocacy centers. The exact cost depends on whether and how counties choose to share information. Workload will also increase for a county representative to serve on multidisciplinary teams.

## Technical Note

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The bill specifies that “a member of the department’s child protective services unit” serves on the child advocacy team. It is assumed that this provision refers to staff from county departments of human and social services, rather than the Colorado Department of Human Services, given that these advocacy teams are locally based and the state department does not provide direct child protective services.

## Effective Date

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 13, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Child Welfare

Human Services

Counties

Public Safety

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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](#).