



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1090: TEACHER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill modifies the misdemeanor convictions that applicants for teacher licensure are required to disclose, and waives certain requirements for teacher applicants with at least two years of teaching experience at a private school in Colorado.

**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<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 modifies the requirements for applicants for a teacher license.

### Disclosure of Misdemeanors

Under current law, an applicant for a teacher license is required to disclose all misdemeanor convictions, except misdemeanor traffic offenses or infractions, regardless of the date of conviction. The bill instead requires that an applicant:

- disclose all misdemeanor convictions against an at-risk person or child, regardless of the date of conviction;
- disclose any misdemeanor convictions within the prior seven years; and,
- not disclose a misdemeanor conviction that occurred more than seven years ago if it was not committed against an at-risk person or child.

### Preparation Programs

Under current law, applicants for an initial teacher license must complete an approved program of preparation or alternative preparation program, and an applicant for a professional teacher license must complete an induction program. The bill waives these requirements if the applicant has at least two years of relevant, full-time teaching experience at a private school in Colorado.

## State Expenditures

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The bill increases workload for the Educator Licensing Division in the Colorado Department of Education to update forms and materials and answer questions about the changes. The department will also modify the educator licensing system to reflect the disclosure requirements and preparation program waiver; those changes can occur within the scope of the existing vendor contract. To the extent the bill increases the number of applicants for licensure, workload will also increase. No change in appropriations is required.

## 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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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](#).