



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1293: DRUG OVERDOSE ED & OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN SCHOOLS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires the state board of education to adopt standards regarding drug overdose education in schools.

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

- State Revenue
- State Expenditures
- School Districts

**Appropriations.** For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Department of Education.

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

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	\$20,000	\$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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By July 1, 2026, the bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt health education standards for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in public schools on drug overdose identification, risks, prevention, and response. The board may seek gifts, grants and donations to fund adoption of these standards.

The bill also allows public and non-public schools to seek gifts, grants and donations to acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists.

## Background

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The Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) Office of Standards and Instructional Support meets on a periodic basis to assist the board in updating K-12 education standards on a six-year cycle. The next review of health standards is scheduled to occur in 2028. As part of the normal timeline, the CDE conducts research and prepares a benchmarking report to be considered by the board when they meet to revise the standards.

## State Revenue

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The bill may increase revenue to the CDE if gifts, grants and donations are received. At time of writing, no sources of gifts, grants and donations have been identified.

## State Expenditures

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The bill increases state expenditures in the CDE by \$20,000 in FY 2025-26 only, paid from the General Fund.

The bill requires the Office of Standards and Instructional Support to meet outside of their normal six-year cycle to adopt standards by July 1, 2026. Standards adoption involves per-diem reimbursement and meeting expenses for the standards review committee. Additionally, CDE writes a benchmarking report for each standards review process. By meeting in 2026, outside of the normal six-year window, CDE will incur \$20,000 in per-diem travel, meeting and reporting expenses to implement the bill. Costs are based on previous efforts to adopt standards on an accelerated timeline.

## School District

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Beginning in July 2026, school districts will adjust their health curriculum to adopt standards recommended by the committee.

## 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 Appropriations

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For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$20,000 to the Department of Education.

## 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](#).