



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-085: MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires peace officers to follow certain procedures when responding to domestic violence incidents involving a current member of the armed forces, and requires courts to consider the existence of a military protection order when issuing temporary civil protection orders.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2026-27:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

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

The bill requires peace officers responding to an incident of domestic violence to determine whether one of the parties is a current member of the armed forces. If one of the parties is a current member of the armed forces, then the peace officer must search the National Crime Information Center database to determine whether a military protection order has been issued against one of the parties. If a military protection order has been issued against one of the parties, then the peace officer must notify the law enforcement agency that entered the military protection order.

Additionally, a judge or magistrate must consider the existence of a military protection order when deciding to issue a temporary civil protection order.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Judicial Department and for agencies that employ peace officers, as described below.

Judicial Department

Starting in FY 2026-27, the bill minimally increases workload in the trial courts. Trial courts will have increased workload from potentially longer temporary civil protection order hearings. It is assumed that the number of cases will be limited, therefore, the overall impact of the bill to the Judicial Department does not require a change in appropriations.

State Agencies Employing Peace Officers

Workload to state agencies that employ peace officers will minimally increase to conduct the necessary searches. It is assumed that the large majority of domestic violence calls are handled by local law enforcement officials. State agencies with peace officers that may respond to such an incident include the Departments of Higher Education, Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Revenue.

Local Government

Local law enforcement agencies may have increased workload to follow the requirements of the bill. The exact impact will vary by jurisdiction, and is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

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

Judicial

Public Safety

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](#).