



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-104: REQUIRE KEY BOXES AT SCHOOLS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that every school have an exterior key box that permits local law enforcement emergency access to each school building and room on the school grounds.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a one-time basis:

- Local Government
- School Districts

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

No later than July 1, 2028, each public and non-public school must install at least one exterior key box that meets specific standards and allows local law enforcement emergency access to each building and room on the school grounds. Each local education provider (LEP) must work with local law enforcement agencies to determine the best location for the key box, and provide each agency in the jurisdiction with a key or access code to the box.

The bill allows an LEP that receives money from the School Security Disbursement Program in the Department of Public Safety to use the money to install an exterior key box, and exempts the contents of the key box from the definition of public records.

Local Governments and School Districts

The bill increases workload and costs for school districts, charter schools, and LEPs that do not already have an exterior key box installed. Some fire protection districts and law enforcement agencies may already require a key box for schools in their jurisdictions.

The cost per school will depend on the size, type and number of boxes purchased, as well as the number of keys placed in the boxes. Costs may range from \$500 for small and medium sized facilities to \$1,000 for medium to larger facilities. The expense for an LEP to install the key box may be offset if the school or district receives a disbursement from the school security program.

Workload for local law enforcement agencies increases minimally to work with schools and LEPs to identify approved key boxes, determine installation locations, and receive and record keys and access codes.

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

Education

State Law Enforcement

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](#).