



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1193: VISION TESTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires school districts to test the vision of children in pre-kindergarten.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- 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

Under current law, school districts must test the sight of all children in kindergarten and first through third, fifth, seventh, and ninth grades. The bill requires that school districts also test the vision of children in pre-kindergarten, and updates the statute to refer to “vision” instead of “sight”.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for the Colorado Department of Education to update guidance to school districts related to vision screening requirements. No change in appropriations is required.

School District

The bill may increase costs for school districts to test the vision of pre-kindergarten students, depending on the current screenings conducted. Districts that operate a HeadStart early childhood program are already required to conduct vision screenings for preschool students within 45 days of enrollment, and beginning July 1, 2026, the 148 school districts that participate in the state’s Universal Preschool Program are required to either do vision screenings or refer preschool students to a provider for screening. As a result, the bill will only increase costs for districts who are not already conducting vision screenings. For those districts, costs will vary based on current contracts for vision screening and the number of pre-kindergarten students enrolled.

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

Early Childhood	Public Health and Environment
Education	School Districts
Information Technology	

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](#).