



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-077: EPILEPSY-RELATED MORTALITY AWARENESS

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**Fiscal note status:** This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires death certification professionals to be aware of epilepsy-related mortality and to list it as a cause of death on a death certificate.

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

- State Expenditures
- 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 FTE	0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill requires that:

- death certification professionals ensure they are aware of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations;
- the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notify registered users of the Vital Events System of this requirement; and
- death certification professionals ensure that epilepsy is listed as a contributing cause on a death certificate when an individual's death is consistent with known or suspected sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

In addition, the bill permits the CDPHE to provide online guidelines for clinicians and medical certifiers for death certificates regarding epilepsy-related deaths.

## State Expenditures

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The bill increases workload for the CDPHE to notify registered users of the Vital Events System of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations, and to provide any online guidelines regarding epilepsy-related deaths. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

## Local Government

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The bill increases workload for local governments that employ death investigators, such as county coroner offices, for this staff to ensure they are aware of the current recommendations.

## 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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