



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1354: REPEAL SCIENCE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEV PROGRAM

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2026-27 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals the Science Teacher Professional Development Program.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas through FY 2026-27:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. The bill reduces an FY 2024-25 appropriation with roll-forward spending authority through FY 2026-27 to the Colorado Department of Education by \$1.5 million.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Current Year FY 2025-26	Budget Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (State Education Fund)	-\$1.5 million	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Reductions in expenditures are shown in the current year for informational purposes. Reductions in spending may occur through FY 2026-27.

Summary of Legislation

The Professional Development for Science Teachers Program (program) received a \$3 million appropriation from the State Education Fund in FY 2024-25 with roll-forward spending authority for this appropriation through FY 2026-27. To date, \$1.5 million of this appropriation has been spent or committed. The bill reduces this appropriation by \$1.5 million and repeals the program on July 1, 2027.

Background

[House Bill 24-1446](#) created the program, which required the Colorado Department of Education to contract with an institution of higher education to improve teaching in science. The program included instruction on interventions for students who are below grade level, children with disabilities and students who are English language learners. Teachers who participated in the program earned credits towards license renewal.

State Expenditures

The bill reduces expenditures in the Colorado Department of Education by \$1.5 million in FY 2025-26 through FY 2026-27. This reduction is to spending from the State Education Fund. The program is repealed from statute on July 1, 2027.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

The bill reduces an FY 2024-25 appropriation to the Colorado Department of Education by \$1.5 million. The department has roll-forward spending authority for this appropriation through FY 2026-27.

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](#).