



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1356: REPEAL LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals locally developed school accountability systems and the associated grant program.

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

- State Expenditures
- School Districts

Appropriations. No appropriation is required in this bill, assuming the required reduction in appropriations is included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$506,690	-\$506,690
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	-0.4 FTE	-0.4 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, school districts and charter schools may implement local accountability systems to measure the performance of schools that complement the state's existing accountability framework. The Local Accountability System Grant Program, which was created in [Senate Bill 19-204](#), provides funding to pilot and enhance these local accountability systems.

The bill repeals the local accountability system, including the local accountability grant program, beginning July 1, 2026.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2026-27, the bill decreases state expenditures in CDE by \$506,690 per year, paid from the General Fund. The reduction includes approximately \$48,000 for 0.4 FTE, \$450,000 per year for grants, and \$7,000 for grant administration activities.

School District

The bill reduces revenue and workload for school districts and charter schools that have a local accountability system and have received grant funding. There are currently eight grantees that cover 21 school districts and nine schools.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a \$506,690 reduction in General Fund appropriations to the Colorado Department of Education, and a reduction of 0.4 FTE. Assuming this appropriation change is included in the Long Bill, no appropriation is required in this bill.

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](#).