



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1381: ELIM CASH BALANCE REQMNT IN JUDICIAL CASH FUND

**Prime Sponsors:**

Rep. Brown; Sirota  
Sen. Amabile; Bridges

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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 its FY 2026-27 Long Bill budget package.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill repeals a requirement that a certain amount of General Fund is transferred to the Commission on Judicial Discipline Special Cash Fund, and makes a transfer from the cash fund to the General Fund.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in the current FY 2025-26:

- State Transfers

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Current Year FY 2025-26	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	FTE

Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the tables below.

**Table 1A**  
**State Transfers**

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Current Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2027-28</b>
General Fund	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
Commission on Judicial Discipline Special Cash Fund	-\$400,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Transfer</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The bill also eliminates future potential transfers from the General Fund to this cash fund.

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill repeals a requirement that a transfer from the General Fund to the Commission on Judicial Discipline Special Cash Fund occur each year, such that the cash fund starts each fiscal year with a balance of at least \$400,000. Additionally, the bill requires a transfer of \$400,000 from the cash fund to the General Fund on June 30, 2026.

## Background

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According to the Joint Budget Committee staff's [figure setting document](#) for independent agencies in the Judicial Department, the cash fund's balance at the beginning of FY 2025-26 was \$462,092. The fund was created in 2022 to pay for unexpected complex judicial discipline matters as they arise. It also receives revenue from interest and attorney-related cost recoveries.

## State Transfers

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For FY 2025-26 only, the bill transfers \$400,000 from the Commission on Judicial Discipline Special Cash Fund to the General Fund. The bill also eliminates potential transfers in future years, as it repeals the requirement to make transfers from the General Fund to the cash fund to ensure the cash fund starts each fiscal year with at least \$400,000.

## Effective Date

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

## 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](#).