



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1358: REDUCE ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR GRANT PROG APPROP

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill reduces the FY 2023-24 appropriation for the Colorado Academic Accelerator Grant Program in the Department of Education.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a one-time basis:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. The bill includes a reduction of \$5.2 million to an FY 2023-24 appropriation to the Colorado Department of Education that has roll-forward spending authority through FY 2026-27.

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	-\$5.2 million	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

The reduction in expenditures reflects the reduction in an FY 2023-24 appropriation that may be spent through FY 2026-27. The reduction is assumed to occur in FY 2026-27.

Summary of Legislation

The bill removes the requirement that the General Assembly appropriate \$24.5 million for the Colorado Academic Accelerator Grant Program in FY 2023-24 and reduces this appropriation by \$5.2 million. In addition, it clarifies that the Department of Education has spending authority for this FY 2023-24 appropriation through FY 2026-27.

Background

[House Bill 23-1231](#) created the Colorado Academic Accelerator Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to create community learning centers that provide free academic enrichment and support activities to help students in science, technology, engineering, and math. The program particularly focuses on math enrichment provided by collaborators outside of school hours. This includes before school, after school, summer, and the fifth day in four-day school weeks. For FY 2023-24, the CDE was appropriated \$24,500,000 General Fund for the program, with roll-forward spending authority through FY 2026-27. The spending timeline initially estimated that roughly \$7.5 million would be allocated to grantees in each program year.

State Expenditures

By reducing the original FY 2023-24 appropriation by \$5.2 million, spending in FY 2026-27 will be reduced by this amount through the end of the CDE's spending authority for the grant program. It is estimated that \$3.2 million remains available for spending by the CDE during FY 2026-27, the final year of the program.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

The bill includes a reduction of \$5.2 million from the FY 2023-24 General Fund appropriation to the Colorado Department of Education, which may be spent 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](#).