



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1302: CBI FIREARMS INSTACHECK UNIT OPERATING HOURS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill allows the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to determine the business hours of the InstaCheck unit.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2026-27:

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Expenditures

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	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill removes the requirement that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) InstaCheck unit remain open for at least 12 hours a day for every calendar day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Instead, the CBI is authorized to determine InstaCheck operating hours that best meet business needs. The CBI must continuously review certain statistics to determine appropriate hours of operation.

Other provisions include that the CBI must immediately place in its processing queue all requests for background checks required for firearm purchases and must allow the submission of a background check request every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. The bill clarifies that the three-day waiting period for a firearm purchase begins when a licensed gun dealer initiates a background check. Finally, the CBI must report certain information about the InstaCheck unit's operations to the General Assembly by January 15 each year.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Starting in FY 2026-27, the bill may impact state revenue and expenditures in the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), depending on what business hours the CBI sets for the InstaCheck unit. If business hours are set in such a way that fewer staff are required, then expenditures will decrease. Correspondingly, if this reduces the total operating costs of the InstaCheck unit, then the CDPS may need to adjust fees and decrease state revenue to reflect lower programmatic costs. It is assumed that any impact to state revenue and expenditures is minimal, and no change in appropriations is required. Any future change in state revenue or expenditures will be addressed through the annual budget process.

Additionally, workload will increase to make required reports. Given the narrow scope of information required, no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

Law	Public Safety
Natural Resources	Revenue