



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1315: ACCURATE DOCUMENTS FOR PAROLE DETERMINATIONS

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Fiscal note status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Department of Corrections create policies and trainings to ensure risk assessments are accurate. It also modifies the definition of criminal justice records to ensure risk assessment reporting is available for public inspection.

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

- Minimal State Workload

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 FTE	0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

By August 31, 2026, the bill requires the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) to establish a risk assessment quality review team to establish policies and implement practices to determine if risk assessments are completed accurately and consistently. This includes practices for a system of recurring reviews. Starting January 2027, the CDOC must report during its SMART Act hearing on the reviews of risk assessments. Finally, the bill makes risk assessments open to public inspection and voids any agreements that prohibits their disclosure.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2026-27, workload to the CDOC will increase to establish a quality review team; to create new policies, practices, and training; to implement reviews; and to include additional reporting in its SMART Act hearing. Because the department has already begun to conduct and implement trainings on the risk assessment tool, it is assumed these requirements can be met within existing resources. In addition, because the bill does not mandate how many decisions must be reviewed, the fiscal note assumes that the department will review as many decisions as possible within current appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and applies to record requests on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections