



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-166: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill adds conviction of a crime of violence or a felony drug offense to the crimes disqualifying a person from being an elected school district board member.

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

- School Districts

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

Under current law, a person is ineligible to be an elected school board member if the person committed a sexual offense against a child. This bill also prohibits anyone convicted of a crime of violence or certain felony drug offenses from serving as a school board member. A person is disqualified only if the crimes of violence or drug offense was committed as an adult.

School Districts

School districts conduct elections for school board members, typically in coordination with counties. Under current law, each school district must maintain information on school director eligibility on their web site. This bill minimally increases workload for school districts to update existing candidate information to include additional information on disqualifying crimes.

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

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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](#).