

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures related to child care provider licensing, and, in connection therewith, increasing reliance on trained personnel from the department of early childhood, imposing certain requirements in connection with regulation by local governing authorities, and creating a task force.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Bright; Ball
Representatives Sirota; Gonzalez R.

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet
Gifts, Grants, and Donations

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/02/2026.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to technical issues. The Fiscal Note requires an appropriation of \$170,657 and 0.2 FTE from gifts, grants, and donations. The Department has authority to expend gifts, grants, and donations through Section 26.5-1-106 (7), C.R.S. Therefore, an appropriation is not required. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this assessment.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill does not require nor contain an appropriation clause. The Department has sufficient authority to expend gifts, grants, and donations without an appropriation. Additionally, as noted in the Fiscal Note, appropriation adjustments in federal Child Care Development Funds, reappropriated funds, and FTE have been made in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill. Therefore, no appropriation clause is needed.

Points to Consider

Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The task force created in the bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. For implementation, the bill requires expenditures of \$170,657 in FY 2026-27. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, the implementation of the task force is at risk. The future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations is prohibited pursuant to Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S.

Is it the General Assembly's intent to fund the task force exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?