



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1220: UPDATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSE TERMINOLOGY

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**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law

**Drafting number:** LLS 26-0089

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** May 20, 2026

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill updates terminology from “acute treatment unit” to “behavioral health entity” to conform with existing facility licensing types.

**No fiscal impact.** The bill has no impact on state or local government.

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**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

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## Summary of Legislation

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## Background

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[House Bill 19-1237](#) condensed multiple behavioral health facility licenses into one license type referred to as “behavioral health entities” and made conforming changes in statute.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

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The bill updates an incorrect reference of an acute treatment unit to a behavioral health entity. This results in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 5, 2026, and takes effect August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Behavioral Health Administration

Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing

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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](#).