

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 20, 2026  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-048 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 5 insert:

2 **"SECTION 4. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

3 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
4 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general  
5 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the judicial  
6 department for use by the office of the child's representative for court-  
7 appointed counsel is decreased by \$7,125.

8 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
9 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
10 state fiscal year if:

11 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the  
12 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
13 judicial department for use by the office of the child's representative for  
14 court-appointed counsel is less than the amount of the adjustment  
15 required in subsection (1) of this section; or

16 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
17 fiscal year does not include a general fund appropriation to the judicial  
18 department for use by the office of the child's representative for  
19 court-appointed counsel."

20 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

21 Page 1, line 103, strike "APPROVAL." and substitute "APPROVAL, AND, IN  
22 CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION."