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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [] State Revenue [] State Transfer [] Local Government
[X] State Expenditure [] TABOR Refund [] Statutory Public Entity

Budget package bill. The bill creates the School-Based Mental Health Support Program in the Behavioral Health Administration. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$2.5 million to the Behavioral Health Administration.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2024-25 budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1406

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the School-based Mental Health Support Program in the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to provide training, resources, and implementation and sustainment support for educators to provide mental health services for students through an external provider. The program must emphasize supporting rural schools or schools which do not have equitable access to mental health care. The BHA must contract with a provider by January 1, 2025, to begin implementation of the program by the 2025-26 school year. The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2.5 million to the BHA for the program in FY 2024-25. The program is repealed July 1, 2028.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the BHA by \$2.5 million in FY 2024-25 only to contract with a provider. The bill allows the BHA to use up to \$100,000 for administrative costs, which leaves at least \$2.4 million for the contract with a provider. It is assumed that the provider will spend funds provided in FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 24-1406

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Behavioral Health Administration		
Contract	at least \$2,400,000	-
Administrative Expenses	up to \$100,000	-
Total Cost	\$2,500,000	-

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,500,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration within the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration

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](#).