



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1008: COMPLEMENTARY BEHAVIORAL HLTH SERVS IN JAILS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands a program in the Behavioral Health Administration to provide complementary behavioral health services to persons in custody at jails.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas starting in FY 2025-26 on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures (General Fund) | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

Starting July 1, 2025, the bill expands the Jail-Based Behavioral Health Services Program in the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to provide funding to jails to administer complementary behavioral health services. Funding received by jails must be used to train staff to administer services that complement a person's primary course of treatment for a behavioral health disorder (complementary behavioral health services) to persons in custody at the jail. These services do not require licensure to administer.

The bill requires the legislature to annually appropriate up to \$50,000 for administration of these services in jails.

Background

49 counties in the state currently operate a jail according to this [dashboard](#) from the Department of Public Safety (CDPS).

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2025-26, the bill annually increases state expenditures in the Behavioral Health Administration by up to \$50,000. This fiscal note estimates costs using the maximum amount specified by the bill; however, program funding levels are at the discretion of the General Assembly. Workload will also increase in the Jail-based Behavioral Health Services Program to administer funding to county jails, which can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government

The bill increases workload for counties that operate a jail and participate in the program. Those that receive funding will train staff to administer services consistent with the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration