



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1070: ELECTROCONVULSIVE TREATMENT FOR MINORS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill changes requirements for minors receiving electroconvulsive treatment.**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
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

Summary of Legislation

Current law allows electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) to be performed on minors who are under the age of 16 years old only if certain conditions are met. The bill repeals the requirement that ECT must be necessary to treat life-threatening malignant catatonia. It also requires one of the two licensed individuals who approve ECT for a minor to specialize in child and adolescent psychiatry.

State Expenditures

Starting in 2025-26, workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Behavioral Health Administration will minimally increase to update rules, procedures, and technical forms for licensed medical professionals and health care facilities, and to respond to complaints. This workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration
Judicial

Office of the Child's Representative
Regulatory Agencies

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](#).