

HB 25-1087: CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill prohibits disclosure of confidential information in peer support team interactions.

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

• 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

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Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits the disclosure of confidential information shared during a peer support interaction, with certain exemptions, by a peer support team member. As it relates to the exemptions, peer support team members are not liable for damages in civil actions based on whether or not they disclose information.

The bill also clarifies that certain mental health professionals may disclose confidential information if a client makes a threat that, if carried out, would result in harm to an individual.

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that disclosures of confidential information occur in violation of the bill, civil case filings and workload in the trial courts of the Judicial Department may increase. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR. It is assumed that peer support team members will follow the law, and any increase in state revenue or workload is expected to be minimal. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Education Judicial Public Safety 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 <u>General Assembly website</u>.