



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1160: YOUTH PREVENTION MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates a mental health pilot program in the Behavioral Health Administration.**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas through FY 2026-27:

- State Expenditures
- School Districts

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1.1 million 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)	\$1,087,500	\$1,450,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a mental health pilot program in the Behavioral Health Administration. The program will provide 42,000 students with access to an online behavioral health prevention tool. The BHA will contract with a suitable tool provider by January 1, 2026, and report to the General Assembly on the program's progress in January 2027. The program repeals on June 30, 2027.

State Expenditures

The fiscal note estimates that the BHA requires \$1.1 million in FY 2025-26 and \$1.5 million in FY 2026-27 to contract with an online behavioral health prevention tool provider. It is assumed that the pilot program, if enacted, will make services available through partner schools with a total student population of 42,000. This cost is based on a [similar contract](#) between the state of New Jersey and Kooth Digital Health, which provides services in line with those required by the pilot program. First-year costs are prorated for an assumed October 2025 implementation date. Exact costs will be determined through the procurement process and implementation of the pilot program is subject to available appropriations. The fiscal note assumes the BHA can absorb the administrative workload of securing the provider and producing the report, so all available funds will be spent through the contract. If funded, the pilot program will be in effect through FY 2026-27.

School Districts

If the pilot program is implemented, participating school districts will have increased workload to coordinate with the pilot program contractor, make the tool available to students, and related tasks. It is assumed this workload will be minimal and that schools will only choose to participate if resources are available.

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 \$1,087,500 to the Behavioral Health Administration in the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

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