

# SB 25-114: REPEAL OF THE FLEX PROGRAM

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**Fiscal note status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its supplemental budget package.

#### **Summary Information**

**Overview.** On June 30, 2025, the bill repeals the FLEX program and transfers all unspent and unencumbered money in the FLEX Fund to the General Fund.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas starting in the current FY 2024-25:

State Transfers

• State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

#### Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact          | Current Year<br>FY 2024-25 | Budget Year<br>FY 2025-26 | Out Year<br>FY 2026-27 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue           | \$0                        | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| State Expenditures      | \$0                        | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Transferred Funds       | \$625,000                  | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0                        | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Change in State FTE     | 0.0 FTE                    | 0.0 FTE                   | 0.0 FTE                |

| Fund Source  | Current Year<br>FY 2024-25 | Budget Year<br>FY 2025-26 | Out Year<br>FY 2026-27 |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund | \$625,000                  | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Cash Funds   | -\$625,000                 | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Net Transfer | \$0                        | \$0                       | \$0                    |

### Table 1A State Transfers

## **Summary of Legislation**

On June 30, 2025, the bill transfers all the unexpended and unencumbered money in the FLEX Fund to the General Fund, and repeals the FLEX program on July 1, 2025.

## Background

In 2022, the General Assembly created the Financial Literacy and Exchange (FLEX) program, which allows households participating in the state housing voucher program to open an escrow-like savings account. FLEX account holders would receive a \$200 monthly match and access to services such as financial mentoring, life skills training, and asset management. No households have been enrolled in the FLEX program.

The program is funded by an annual General Fund appropriation into a continuously appropriated cash fund. The FLEX Fund has received \$708,952 since FY 2022-23, and accounting for interest earned, is projected to have approximately \$625,000 available to transfer on June 30, 2025.

## **State Transfers and Expenditures**

In the current FY 2024-25, the bill transfers \$625,000 from the FLEX Fund to the General Fund. Correspondingly, the bill will reduce any future spending from FLEX Fund on the repealed program, and make this money available to spend or save in the General Fund starting in FY 2025-26.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Joint Budget Committee

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>.