

SB 25-235: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY CARE FOR CHILDREN FUNDING

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Amabile; Bridges Rep. Bird; Taggart

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Joint

Budget Committee as part of the FY 2025-26 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill moves up the repeal date for an appropriation for temporary shelter for juveniles in the juvenile justice system by one year, from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2025.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2025-26 only:

State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$199,877 to the Department of Human Services.

Table 1 **State Fiscal Impacts**

| Type of Impact ¹ | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | | |
| State Expenditures | -\$199,877 | \$0 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the table below.

Table 1A State Expenditures

| | Budget Year | Out Year |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Fund Source | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 |
| General Fund | -\$182,568 | \$0 |
| Cash Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | -\$17,309 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Expenditures | -\$199,877 | \$0 |
| Total FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

The bill moves up the repeal date for an appropriation for temporary shelter for juveniles in the juvenile justice system by one year, from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2025.

Background

<u>House Bill 22-1056</u> required the General Assembly to appropriate sufficient funds to provide five nights of care for each juvenile placed in temporary shelter, which is a placement below state secure placement, or detention, and above home detention. The bill provided an annual appropriation of \$199,877 through FY 2025-26, when the program repeals. In FY 2023-24, only \$21,029, or 10.5 percent, was expended, and of that amount, only \$2,174 was spent on shelter placements, with the remainder directed at assessments and kin support.

State Expenditures

In FY 2025-26 only, the bill reduces state expenditures by \$199,877 due to moving the repeal date of the appropriation up one year. Of this amount, \$182,568 is from the General Fund and \$17,309 are from federal funds.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 28, 2025.

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State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$199,877 to the Department of Human Services including:

- a reduction of \$182,568 in General Fund; and
- a reduction of \$17,309 in federal funds.

State and Local Government Contacts

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