



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1221: EMILY GRIFFITH ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

**Prime Sponsors:**

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Sen. Bridges; Lundeen

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law

**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0525

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** July 31, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill allows the Emily Griffith Technical College to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Institutions of Higher Education
- 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

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The bill allows the Emily Griffith Technical College to offer an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree if approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. The bill specifies criteria that the board must evaluate when considering the approval of the A.A.S. degree program. The A.A.S. degree must include an apprenticeship program, sufficient general education courses, and align with certain occupations. Emily Griffith must submit degree program information to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) to be included in publications and the guaranteed transfer pathways matrix.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

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### Emily Griffith Technical College

If the board approves an A.A.S. degree program, Emily Griffith Technical College will have an increase in tuition revenues when new students enroll in these degree programs. Workload and staffing costs will also increase for curriculum development, instructors, and support staff to offer the new degree programs. These expenditures will be funded through institutional revenues, including potentially through the Emily Griffith Foundation. No state appropriation is required.

### Department of Higher Education

Workload will increase at CDHE to add new degree program information to certain publications, collect any required data from Emily Griffith, and include the new courses in the guaranteed transfer pathways matrix. This additional workload is minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Effective Date

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 10, 2025 and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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