



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-073: MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
Date: August 4, 2025

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill clarifies that students with disabilities who are part of military families are eligible for open enrollment and guaranteed matriculation in school districts and charter schools.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- School Districts

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

The bill clarifies that special education students who are children of active duty military members are entitled to the same rights to open and remote enrollment and guaranteed matriculation as any student who resides in the public school district. If these students have an Individualized Education Plan under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or a Section 504 Plan under the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the school district or charter school must ensure they receive appropriate services. School districts and charter schools must take reasonable steps to notify incoming military families of the rights for their children to receive special education services.

State Expenditures

The Colorado Department of Education provides technical assistance to school districts and charter schools to ensure compliance with open enrollment requirements and special education services. Any additional guidance or support from the department is assumed to be minimal and can be accomplished with existing appropriations.

School Districts

School districts and charter schools will have increased workload to communicate with active duty military families. This increase in workload will vary depending on the number of military family students served.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2025 and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Early Childhood

Human Services

Education

Military Affairs