



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-062: FAILURE TO APPEAR CHARGES IN MUNICIPAL COURT

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill prohibits municipalities from making failure to appear to municipal court a crime.

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

- Local Government

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 prohibits municipal courts from using failure to appear as the basis of a municipal criminal offense. Home rule cities cannot override these restrictions. "Failure to appear" includes any other term a municipality might use to describe a person's absence from a scheduled court date.

The bill does not prevent a municipal judge from issuing a bench warrant for failure to appear or from considering such failures when setting bond at a later hearing.

Local Government

Municipalities with charters or ordinances that make failure to appear the basis for a criminal charge will have an increase in workload to update policies. To the extent a municipality formerly sentenced this crime to a jail sentence, jail costs will decrease.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 17, 2025.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial	Municipalities
Municipal Judge Association	Sheriffs

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 [General Assembly website](#).