



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1256: LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT MINORS PARENT RIGHTS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill prohibits health care providers from implementing do-not-resuscitate orders for minors without consent from a parent or legal guardian, except in specified circumstances.

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

- 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

The bill prohibits health care providers from implementing a do-not-resuscitate order in an unemancipated minor's medical record without consent from a parent or legal guardian, except in specified circumstances including when the parent or guardian cannot be contacted for 72 hours. The bill places further protections on life continuing care for minors related to court orders and facility transfers.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase for the Department of Regulatory Agencies to conduct outreach regarding the new requirements for regulated health care professionals.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and it applies to health care provided on or after that date.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment

Law

Regulatory Agencies

Personnel