



Fiscal Note
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SB25-222: REPEAL PROFICIENCY TESTS ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOLS

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Fiscal note status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced 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 repeals special proficiency tests administered by school districts and reduces Department of Education appropriations.

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

- State Expenditures
- School Districts

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction of \$50,000 in appropriations to the Department of Education.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (State Education Fund)	-\$50,000	-\$50,000
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 repeals special proficiency tests administered by school districts, as well as the requirement that the Colorado Department of Education allocate money to school districts to administer such tests.

Background

[House Bill 12-1345](#) authorized funding from the State Education Fund to offset the costs of administering the basic skills placement or assessment tests for students in grades nine through twelve. This funding has not been used in over seven years.

State Expenditures

By repealing the funding to offset the costs of proficiency tests administered by school districts, the bill reduces expenditures in the Colorado Department of Education by \$50,000 per year beginning in FY 2025-26, and increases funds available in the State Education Fund by the same amount.

School Districts

The bill reduces workload for school districts related to special proficiency tests.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$50,000 from the State Education Fund to the Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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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](#).