



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-241: DEPOSIT BOND FORFEITURES IN JUDICIAL FUND

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill diverts 75 percent of bond forfeitures from individuals and 100 percent of bond forfeitures from licensed bond agents to the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund.

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

- State Diversions

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact ¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Diverted Funds	\$3,074,440	\$3,074,440
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

¹ Fund sources for this impact are shown in the table below.

Table 1A
State Diversions

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	-\$1,589,548	-\$1,589,548
Judicial Stabilization Cash Fund	-\$1,484,892	-\$1,484,892
Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund	\$3,074,440	\$3,074,440
Net Diversion	\$0	\$0

Summary of Legislation

Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill requires 75 percent of the money collected from an individual's bond payment and 100 percent of the money posted by a licensed professional bond agent to be deposited the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund.

State Diversions

Under current law, 100 percent of individual bond payments are credited to the Judicial Stabilization Cash Fund and 100 percent of professional bond payments are credited to the General Fund. Revenues for individual bond payments totaled \$1,979,856 in 2024 (75 percent of which is \$1,484,892), and professional bond payment revenues totaled \$1,589,548.

Beginning in FY 2025-26, the bill annually diverts 75 percent of individual bond payment revenue from the Judicial Stabilization Cash Fund to the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund, and 100 percent of professional bond payment revenue from the General Fund to the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund, as shown in Table 1A.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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Judicial

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](#).