



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-227: EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FY 2024-25

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill adjusts appropriations for early intervention services in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and the Department of Early Childhood in FY 2024-25.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a one-time basis:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required for FY 2025-26. For FY 2024-25, the bill reduces net appropriations by \$2.0 million. See State Appropriations Section.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact ¹ | Current Year FY 2024-25 | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures | -\$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

¹ Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the tables below.

Table 1A
State Expenditures

| Fund Source | Current Year FY 2024-25 | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Fund – CDEC | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| General Fund – HCPF | -\$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds – HCPF | -\$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cash Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Expenditures | -\$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

The bill adjusts appropriations for the Early Intervention Program in FY 2024-25 in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC).

Under current law, HCPF is appropriated \$4.0 million for early intervention services, of which \$2.0 million is from the General Fund and \$2.0 million is in federal funds, with the entire \$4.0 million reappropriated for use by CDEC. The bill appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund directly to CDEC. Correspondingly, it reduces HCPF's General Fund appropriation by the same amount, which also reduces the expected drawdown of \$2.0 million in federal funds. In addition, the bill removes the \$4.0 million reappropriation to CDEC.

State Expenditures

Based on the appropriation adjustments described above, the bill increases direct General Fund appropriations to CDEC for early intervention services by \$2.0 million in FY 2024-25, and at the same time reduces the Medicaid allocation for these services, which has historically been underspent. On net, this will reduce the expenditure of federal funds by up to \$2.0 million in FY 2024-25, but will allow CDEC to use General Fund appropriations to continue providing early intervention services, including those that are not billable to Medicaid, to all children without modifications to service delivery.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For the current FY 2024-25, the bill includes the following adjustments to appropriations:

- an increase in General Fund appropriations of \$2,000,000 to the Department of Early Childhood; and
- a reduction in appropriations to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing of \$4,000,000, split equally between General Fund and federal funds; and
- a reduction of \$4,000,000 in reappropriated funds from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to the Department of Early Childhood.

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](#).