



**Fiscal Note**  
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**SB 25-237: REPEAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**Prime Sponsors:**  
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**Bill Outcome:** Lost in the House  
**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0988

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note  
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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. This bill was lost in the House of Representatives on April 9, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill would have repealed the Rural Behavioral Health Voucher Program.

**Types of impacts.** The bill would have affected the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** For FY 2025-26, the bill would have required a reduction in appropriations of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General 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

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This bill repeals the Rural Behavioral Health Voucher Program created by [Senate Bill 21-137](#). The program distributes \$50,000 annually in vouchers to nonprofit contractors offering behavioral health services. [House Bill 22-1278](#) placed the program under the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

## State Expenditures

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By repealing the voucher program, the bill reduces expenditures in the BHA by \$50,000 annually starting in FY 2025-26.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

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For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction of \$50,000 in General Fund appropriations to the Behavioral Health Administration.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Behavioral Health Administration

Joint Budget Committee Staff

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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](#).