



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1172: SECURE FENCE AROUND YOUTH PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY

**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law

**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0737

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** July 22, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill allows a Department of Human Services facility to put up a secure fence without being classified as a detention facility.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a temporary basis:

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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

| Type of Impact          | Budget Year<br>FY 2025-26 | Out Year<br>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

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The bill allows a state-owned psychiatric residential treatment facility to put up a secure perimeter fence without being classified as a detention facility, or considered a type of restraint for youth in the facility. The Department of Human Services (CDHS), in consultation with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) must adopt rules to ensure compliance with federal law.

## Background

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The CDHS plans to operate a covered treatment facility for juvenile and youth at its Fort Logan campus. It has requested funding to build the secure fencing as part of an existing capital request related to this facility.

## State Expenditures

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Workload will minimally increase on a temporary basis for CDHS, HCPF, and CDPHE to promulgate rules regarding the secure fence and to ensure compliance with federal law. Costs in CDHS will increase if the department chooses to build a fence at the facility, but the bill does not mandate this construction. It is assumed that any construction costs will be addressed through appropriations requested through the capital development and annual budget processes.

## Effective Date

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 30, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Child Welfare

Judicial

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Safety

Human Services

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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](#).