



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-220: ACCELERATED COLLEGE OPP EXAM FEE GRANT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2025-26 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals the Accelerated College Opportunity Exam Fee Grant Program.

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

- State Expenditures
- School District

Appropriations. No appropriation is required. The required reduction in appropriations was included in the Long Bill for FY 2025-26.

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)	-\$565,136	-\$565,136
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	-0.4 FTE	-0.4 FTE

Summary of Legislation

[House Bill 18-1396](#) established the Accelerated College Opportunity Exam Fee Grant program, which provides grants to cover a portion of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exam fees for low-income students. The bill repeals the grant program.

State Expenditures

By repealing the program, the bill reduces General Fund expenditures by \$565,136 and 0.4 FTE in the Department of Education (CDE) beginning in FY 2025-26. The CDE will no longer review grant applications received from high schools and award grants to offset the cost of AP and IB exam fees.

School District

School districts that had previously participated in the grant program may see a reduced amount of revenue from the grants to low-income students who take AP and IB exams.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 28, 2025 and took effect July 1, 2025.

State Appropriations

The bill reduces required General Fund appropriations by \$565,136 to the Department of Education, and 0.4 FTE in FY 2025-26. This reduction in appropriations was be made in the Long Bill, rather than this bill.

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](#).