

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the use of trauma-informed practices to address school safety, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Marchman

Representative Joseph

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendments in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/11/25.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to a technical issue.

The revised fiscal note says that the bill requires an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Trauma-Informed Practices for School Safety Drills Cash Fund (the Fund) to the Department of Public Safety. However, a cash fund appropriation from the Fund is not possible or required because this bill does not create this Fund, nor does it exist in statute.

The Senate Education Committee adopted an amendment that would have created the Fund, but the Senate Appropriations Committee adopted an amendment that struck that portion of the Senate Education Committee Report. The bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety to expend gifts, grants, and donations, so an appropriation is not required.

The House Education Committee Report (04/24/25) includes amendments to the bill. However, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these amendments do not have a fiscal impact.

Amendments in This Packet

J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment, strikes the current appropriations clause.
L.010	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation of \$50,000 cash funds from the Trauma-informed Practices for School Safety Drills Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025-26. The Fund does not exist, nor does the bill create the Fund, so an appropriation from the Fund is not possible or required.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003

Staff amendment **J.003** (attached) strikes the current appropriations clause from the bill.

L.010

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.010** (attached) makes a technical change. It removes the word “fund” from the title of Section 24-33.5-2705, C.R.S., to reflect the fact that the section does not create a new cash fund.

The Committee should adopt both **J.003** and **L.010**.

Points to Consider

Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. For implementation, the bill requires at least \$50,000 from cash or in-kind donations. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, the implementation of this bill is at risk. The future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations is prohibited pursuant to Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S. Is it the General Assembly’s intent to fund this program exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?