



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1178: BAN STUDENT SECLUSION

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Bill Outcome: Postponed Indefinitely

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Education Committee on April 16, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have prohibited the use of seclusion as a disciplinary method in public schools.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- School Districts

Appropriations. No appropriation was required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year 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

The bill prohibits the use of seclusion as a disciplinary measure in public schools. By November 1, 2025, the State Board of Education (SBE) must adopt, amend, or repeal rules to reflect the prohibition. The bill amends relevant reporting requirements to ensure any incidence of seclusion in public schools is reported.

Background

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must establish training standards for school staff and administrators on the Protection of Individuals from Restraint and Seclusion Act, and make this training available to personnel that are certified in the use of restraint. This includes training on the act itself and the department's corresponding administrative rules. Staff involved in these practices must be trained in prevention techniques, de-escalation, and the proper use of restraints and seclusion, with training refreshed at least every two years. Current SBE rules are designed to outline procedures for the use of restraint and seclusion in educational settings.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the CDE to amend current SBE rules and modify the school personnel training program currently available at the CDE to remove references to student seclusion, which will now be prohibited. Assuming the department is permitted to update all training and rules within the department's regular schedule for reviews and revisions, this effort does not require any additional appropriations.

School District

Public schools and districts will have increased workload to adjust internal policies and rules related to student discipline.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

Law

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](#).