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SB 25-266: REPEAL STATUTORY APPROPRIATION REQUIREMENTS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals several required annual appropriations to the Department of Early Childhood, Department of Human Services, and Behavioral Health Administration.

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

- State Expenditures
- State Transfers

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$150,000 to the Department of Early Childhood, and a net-zero change in appropriations to the Department of Human Services.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	-\$150,000	-\$150,000
Transferred Funds	-\$1,165,039	-\$1,165,039
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

¹ Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the tables below

Table 1A
State Transfers¹

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$1,165,039	\$1,165,039
Cash Funds	-\$1,165,039	-\$1,165,039
Net Transfer	\$0	\$0

¹ The bill repeals a transfer that currently is made through an appropriation from the General Fund.

Table 1B
State Expenditures

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$1,015,039	\$1,015,039
Cash Funds	-\$1,165,039	-\$1,165,039
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	-\$150,000	-\$150,000
Total FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill repeals the requirement that the General Assembly make the following annual appropriations:

- to the Performance-based Collaborative Management Incentive Cash Fund in the Department of Human Services (CDHS) to serve children who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services;
- \$150,000 to the Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund in the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) to reduce prenatal substance exposure;
- \$200,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) for selecting a recovery residence certifying body;
- \$4.0 million to the BHA for housing assistance for eligible individuals with substance use disorders who have no supportive housing options; and
- \$1.6 million from the General Fund to the BHA for the Recovery Support Services Grant Program.

State Transfers

Current law requires an annual appropriation from the General Fund to the Collaborative Management Incentive Cash Fund, which is expected to transfer \$1.2 million in FY 2025-26. The bill repeals this requirement and instead appropriates money directly to the program without a transfer to the cash fund.

State Expenditures

Removing the appropriation requirements allows the General Assembly to set appropriations for these programs at its discretion. Based on the appropriations in the bill, the bill reduces state General Fund expenditures by \$150,000 to the CDEC beginning in FY 2025-26. For CDHS and BHA, the bill modifies funding mechanisms and state law related to funding, but does not change program expenditures. Specific impacts are discussed below.

Department of Early Childhood

The bill decreases expenditures from the Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund in CDEC by \$150,000 beginning in FY 2025-26.

Department of Human Services

Under current law and in the FY 2025-26 Long Bill, \$1.2 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the Collaborative Management Incentive Cash Fund, and then reappropriated to CDHS. The bill removes this mechanism and instead appropriates \$1.2 million directly to CDHS. As a result, the bill has no net change to expenditures in CDHS.

Behavioral Health Administration

The bill repeals three statutorily required appropriation amounts to the BHA; however, appropriations for the same amounts are included in the Long Bill. As a result, the bill only removes the specific amounts from statute, but does not change funding for certification of a recovery residence certifying body, housing assistance for individuals with substance use disorders, or the Recovery Support Services Grant.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation reduction of \$150,000 to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood from the General Fund.

For FY 2025-26, the bill includes the following appropriation changes to the Division of Child Welfare in the Colorado Department of Human Services:

- a decrease of \$1,165,039 from the General Fund to the Collaborative Management Cash Fund, and a decrease of the same amount in reappropriated funds to CDHS; and
- an increase of \$1,165,039 from the General Fund to CDHS.

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