



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-240: ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY IN CRIM CASES TASK FORCE

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced 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 creates a task force to study electronic discovery in criminal cases.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas through FY 2026-27:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is 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 creates a task force to study the costs and management of electronic discovery in criminal cases. The task force consists of 11 members representing relevant state and local government stakeholders, all of whom serve without compensation and must be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of the bill. The member appointed by the executive director of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC) serves as the chair, with the member representing the Office of State Public Defender (OSPD) serving as the vice-chair. The task force must begin meeting by July 1, 2025, and at least once a month as determined by the chair for the duration of the task force.

The task force must study specific topics related to electronic discovery, including any current contracts for electronic discovery among law enforcement agencies and public and private attorneys, the possibility of coordination among stakeholders to reduce or control costs for electronic discovery, and future developments in the electronic discovery space. Law enforcement agencies and public legal agencies are required to respond to requests for information from the task force, but are not required to share information that would violate state or federal laws. By November 1, 2025, the task force must submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee that must describe:

- the work and study of the task force;
- findings and recommendations related to required topics of study; and
- legislative proposals and expected related costs based on findings and recommendations.

The task force repeals on January 1, 2027.

State Expenditures

The fiscal note assumes the bill minimally increases workload for the following state agencies that have members serving on the task force:

- the OSPD;
- the Office of Alternate Defense Counsel;
- the Department of Public Safety; and
- the Department of Law.

Additionally, the fiscal note assumes that the bill does not require a state agency to administer the task force, and thus does not increase workload in any agency for this effort.

Finally, the bill increases workload for state agencies that may receive requests for information regarding electronic discovery as allowed by the bill. However, given that the bill requires these responses to be provided in good faith and within a reasonable time, the fiscal note assumes that responses will be accomplished within existing resources. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

The fiscal note assumes that since the chair of the task force is a member designated by the CDAC, any administrative assistance required by the task force will be provided by the CDAC.

Additionally, similar to the state, workload and costs may increase for local government entities to have a member serve on the board, and to respond to any requests for information made by the task force. The fiscal note assumes that these impacts will be minimal.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys	Law
Information Technology	Public Defender
Judicial	Public Safety

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](#).