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# Fiscal Note Memorandum

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## Fiscal Assessment of L.001 and L.002 to SB25-017

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 and L.002 to SB25-017. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of these amendments only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

### **Summary of Proposed Amendment**

Amendment L.001 clarifies that the implementation of the two programs is subject to available appropriations. Specifically, the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is not required to implement the programs until it receives sufficient funding to cover program costs. L.002 makes implementation of the bill permissive.

## **Fiscal Impact of Amendment**

By making implementation of the bill permissive and clarifying that program implementation depends on the receipt of sufficient funding, whether state appropriations or gifts, grants and donations, the bill has no fiscal impact unless the General Assembly chooses to appropriate funds or gifts, grants, and donations are received, either now or in future years.

The initial fiscal note estimates the costs required to fully implement the programs within CDEC. With amendments L.001 and L.002, these cost amounts are optional, rather than required by the bill. The General Assembly may choose to allocate funding up to that amount now or in future years.



## **Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment**

As amended, **the bill does not require an appropriation.** Portions of the bill codify existing programs in CDEC, and these programs will continue within existing appropriations. New provisions added to these programs will not be implemented unless additional funding is received by CDEC, either through a state appropriation or the receipt of gifts, grants and donations. To fully implement the bill, it is estimated that funding of \$2.9 million in FY 2025-26 and \$1.5 million in FY 2026-27 and future would be required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendments L.001 and L.002

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures <sup>1</sup>	up to \$2,949,729	up to \$1,550,650
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	up to 3.2 FTE	up to 3.5 FTE

If appropriations to CDEC are not provided by the General Assembly or gifts, grants, and donations are not received, then there will be no increase in state expenditures. As amended, implementation of the bill is permissive and subject to available appropriations. If the General Assembly chooses to appropriate funding for the bill, it is assumed that General Fund would be required.