



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1008: COMPLEMENTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVS IN JAILS

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**Bill Outcome:** Deemed Lost

**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0115

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** July 29, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. This bill was deemed lost in the House Appropriations Committee on May 8, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill would have expanded a program in the Behavioral Health Administration to provide complementary behavioral health services to persons in custody at jails.

**Types of impacts.** The bill was projected to affect the following areas starting in FY 2025-26 on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** For FY 2025-26, the bill would have required a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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Starting July 1, 2025, the bill expands the Jail-Based Behavioral Health Services Program in the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to provide funding to jails to administer complementary behavioral health services. Funding received by jails must be used to train staff to administer services that complement a person's primary course of treatment for a behavioral health disorder (complementary behavioral health services) to persons in custody at the jail. These services do not require licensure to administer.

The bill requires the legislature to annually appropriate up to \$50,000 for administration of these services in jails.

## Background

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49 counties in the state currently operate a jail according to this [dashboard](#) from the Department of Public Safety (CDPS).

## State Expenditures

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Beginning in FY 2025-26, the bill annually increases state expenditures in the Behavioral Health Administration by up to \$50,000. This fiscal note estimates costs using the maximum amount specified by the bill; however, program funding levels are at the discretion of the General Assembly. Workload will also increase in the Jail-based Behavioral Health Services Program to administer funding to county jails, which can be accomplished within existing resources.

## Local Government

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The bill increases workload for counties that operate a jail and participate in the program. Those that receive funding will train staff to administer services consistent with the bill.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State Appropriations

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For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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Behavioral Health Administration