



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-195: SUNSET RURAL ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Program until September 1, 2030.

Types of impacts. The bill only has impacts from continuing an existing program scheduled to repeal, which will extend existing fiscal impacts through FY 2030-31 in the following areas:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditures

Appropriations. The bill does not require an appropriation.

Table 1
Continuation of Current State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact ¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue (Cash Funds)	\$0	\$90,000
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	\$0	\$90,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$90,000
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

¹ These impacts result from continuing a program scheduled to repeal and reflect the extension of current revenue and spending levels.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program in the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) for 5 years, from September 1, 2025 to September 1, 2030.

Background

The Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program provides funding for youth substance abuse prevention programs and detoxification services in rural areas. Currently, funding for detoxification services are administered by the BHA, while funding for preventative services are provided by the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) through an interagency agreement with the BHA. According to the [sunset report](#), in FY 2022-23, no funds were allocated for youth preventive services and \$103,000 was provided for detoxification facilities in rural areas, however the report does note that in 2024 CDPHE received funding for youth prevention services. Funding comes from a penalty surcharge on drinking while under the influence, driving while impaired, and other offenses related to substance abuse.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2025-26 budget documents and revenue reported by the Judicial Department, the bill continues state cash fund revenue and expenditures in the BHA and CDPHE by \$90,000 starting in FY 2026-27. Funds are split between the detoxification facilities account (administered by BHA) and the youth prevention services account (administered by CDPHE). If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2026-27. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. Exact funding for the program may vary depending on actual surcharge collections.

If this bill is not enacted, the program will end one year after its repeal date on September 1, 2026, following a wind-down period. If allowed to repeal, state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2026-27 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration
Judicial

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Revenue