



**Fiscal Note**  
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**SB 25-151: MEASURES TO PREVENT YOUTH FROM RUNNING AWAY**

**Prime Sponsors:**  
Sen. Michaelson Jenet  
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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law  
**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0344

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note  
**Date:** August 5, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill creates measures to help prevent children and youth from running away from residential child care facilities.

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

- Minimal State Workload

**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 (General Fund)	\$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

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The bill creates measures to prevent children or youth from running away from residential child care facilities, as described below.

The Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman (CPO) must conduct an inventory survey of the physical infrastructure needs of the state's residential child care facilities. The CPO must report on activities by June 1, 2026.

By July 1, 2026, each residential child care facility must develop a policy that outlines how they respond to a child or youth who threatens or attempts to run away. They must provide a copy of the policy to guardians and legal counsel during intake at the facility and notify them within four hours after discovering that a youth is missing.

## State Expenditures

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The bill minimally increases workload in the CPO and the Department of Human Services in FY 2025-26 only. For the CPO, workload will increase to assess facility infrastructure and report to the General Assembly. For CDHS, workload will increase to ensure that residential child care facilities licensed by the department comply with new requirements. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

## Effective Date

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This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 10, 2025.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Behavioral Health Administration	Human Services
Child Welfare	Information Technology
Counties	Law
Health Care Policy and Financing	Office of The Child Protection Ombudsman
Higher Education	

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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](#).