



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-239: NONATTORNEY ACCESS TO COURT DATA

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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 allows non-attorney professionals from independent judicial branch agencies to access the name index and register of court actions database in the Judicial Branch.

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	\$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

Under current law, only attorneys who contract with the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel, the Office of the Child's Representative, and the Office of the Respondent Parent's Counsel may access the name index and register of court actions housed in the Judicial Department's information systems. The bill allows non-attorney professionals staffed in those agencies to access this database.

State Expenditures

Independent Judicial Branch Agencies

The bill may result in cost savings for the agencies who delegate research in the Judicial Department's database to professionals who bill at lower rates than contract attorneys. Actual savings will depend on if the bill results in an overall reduction in the number of hours that attorneys spend preparing for their clients. Because the overall fiscal impact is dependent on future attorney behavior, the fiscal note assumes the impact will be minimal; any cost savings will be reflected in future budget requests for these independent judicial branch agencies.

Judicial Department

Information Technology staff in the Judicial Department will coordinate with the independent agencies to determine additional persons who may access the database. This additional workload is assumed to be minimal.

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

Alternate Defense Counsel

Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

Office of the Child's Representative

Joint Budget Committee Staff

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](#).