

SB 25-231: REPEAL INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT ACT

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Amabile; Kirkmeyer

Rep. Bird; Sirota

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0998

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted 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 repeals the Inclusive Higher Education Act.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas through FY 2026-27:

State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$450,000 to the Department of Higher Education.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$450,000	-\$450,000
Transferred Funds	\$ 0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$ 0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The Inclusive Higher Education Act established a grant program within the Department of Higher Education that distributes money to institutions of higher education to provide services for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The bill repeals the grant program.

State Expenditures

<u>House Bill 22-1107</u> required the General Assembly to annually appropriate \$450,000 for the program in FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. By repealing the program, the bill will reduce General Fund appropriations by \$450,000 in both FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 24, 2025 and took effect July 1, 2025.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$450,000 to the Department of Higher Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education

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