



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-116: SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill extends the disclosure period for protection orders in dissolution of marriage and legal separation cases from two to five years, and requires courts to consider various forms of abuse when making spousal maintenance decisions.

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

Current law requires individuals filing for dissolution of marriage or legal separation to disclose to courts any restraining orders and protection orders entered within the past two years. The bill requires the disclosure of any orders within five years of filing the petition.

When determining spousal maintenance, the bill requires the court to consider whether a spouse has engaged in domestic violence, coercive control, economic abuse, litigation abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse, or unlawful sexual behavior against the other spouse.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase for the Judicial Department to review additional protection orders from the extended five-year disclosure requirement in dissolution of marriage and legal separation cases. Workload will also increase for courts to consider factors related to abuse when determining spousal maintenance. As courts currently review protection orders and various factors when making determinations, any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 19, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial