



Fiscal Note

Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

SB 26-060: MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN CONCUSSION EDUCATION

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Pelton R.; Daugherty

Fiscal Analyst:

Anna Gerstle, 303-866-4375
anna.gerstle@coleg.gov

Published for: Senate Health & Human Services

Drafting number: LLS 26-0341

Version: Initial Fiscal Note

Date: February 2, 2026

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that youth athletic coaches complete an annual mental health education course that includes information on the effects of concussions, and requires that parents be notified of the psychological symptoms or changes in mental health that may result for an athlete who is removed from play due to a suspected concussion.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government
- School Districts

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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, youth athletic coaches must complete a concussion recognition course and remove an athlete from play if they suspect the athlete has a concussion. The bill requires that course include information on the relationship between concussions and mental health.

The bill requires that youth athletic coaches complete an annual mental health education course that includes the effects of concussions, suicide prevention, substance abuse, trauma, anxiety disorders and depression, a wellness framework for youth athletes, and a coach's impact on mental health. The requirement applies to coaches of youth athletic activities sponsored by public and private middle schools, high schools, clubs, leagues, and recreation facilities.

If a youth athlete is removed from play and their symptoms cannot be explained by a condition other than a concussion, the coach or the organization's personnel must notify the athlete's parent or legal guardian of the psychological symptoms or changes in mental health that a youth athlete may experience from a concussion.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to update materials and answer questions about the bill's requirements. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Governments and School Districts

The bill increases workload and costs for school districts, cities, counties, and recreation districts that operate youth sports activities to ensure that all coaches have completed the required courses. Costs will vary based on the number of coaches, and current course content.

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

Counties
Education

Municipalities
Public Health and Environment