



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-060: MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN CONCUSSION EDUCATION

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

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires that youth athletic coaches complete a biennial mental health education course, and requires that parents be advised to seek an evaluation from a licensed health care provider if an athlete 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

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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 a biennial mental health education course with topics that include suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, 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 for a suspected concussion, the coach or the organization's personnel must notify the athlete's parent or legal guardian and advise that the athlete seek an evaluation from a licensed healthcare provider for appropriate guidance regarding concussion symptoms. The bill specifies that a coach of a youth athletic activity who acts in good faith to comply is not subject to civil liability.

## State Expenditures

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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

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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

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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

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Counties  
Education

Municipalities  
Public Health and Environment

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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](#).