



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1085: OFFER PREGNANT PERSON DO NOT ABORT FORM

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires health care providers to offer their pregnant patients the option to fill out a "do not abort" form.

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 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

The bill requires health care providers to offer their pregnant patients the option to fill out a “do not abort” form that expresses the patient’s wishes to not receive an abortion in the event of incapacitation. If the form is filled out, the health care provider must enter it into the patient’s medical record.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to conduct outreach and education to medical professionals and health care facilities. The CDPHE may also require legal services, provided by the Department of Law, related to rulemaking. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

If the bill results in fewer abortions for Medicaid members, state expenditures will increase in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing as a net result of decreased costs for abortion care services, and increased labor and delivery costs. However, it is assumed that most pregnant individuals have already made and communicated decisions regarding pregnancy termination with their health care providers; therefore, these impacts are expected 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

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment

Law

Regulatory Agencies

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](#).