



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1185: SUNSET COLD CASE TASK FORCE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Cold Case Task Force until September 1, 2037**Types of impacts.** The bill's impacts are from continuing a program currently scheduled to repeal, which will extend existing fiscal impacts indefinitely in the following areas:

- 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

Under current law, the Cold Case Task Force (task force) in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2026. The bill continues the task force until September 1, 2039, and also allows the executive director of DPS to appoint additional members, as recommended in the [2025 sunset report](#) for the task force.

Background

The Colorado Cold Case Task Force is a Type 2 advisory body required to review cold case homicide investigation strategies and make recommendations on best practices. These recommendations can be used by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), along with other state and local law enforcement agencies that may work on cold cases. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred. In FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21, there were reimbursements for \$2,081 for travel expenses for a family representative that sat on the Task Force. There have been no other expenditures for the task force reported since FY 2020-21.

Continuing Program Impacts

The DPS is expected to continue to have minimal workload to support the task force. If this bill is enacted, current workload will continue for the program starting in FY 2026-27. If allowed to repeal, this workload will decrease starting in FY 2026-27. No change in appropriations is required.

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

Public Safety

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](#).