



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1127: REPORTING AFTER FATAL CAR CRASH

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires quarterly reporting of toxicology reports from vehicle accident deaths by coroners.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2026-27:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

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 coroners to electronically report available toxicology results for each death resulting from a motor vehicle accident to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) upon request by the final business day of each quarter. The report must include all available toxicology results for all deceased parties, including, but not limited to, blood alcohol concentrations, drug screening panels, and the date, time, and source of the sample collections.

Background

Under current law, CDOT receives toxicology reports from counties annually and is required to report the data to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

State Expenditures

In FY 2026-27 only, CDOT workload will increase to build a web-based portal to receive electronic toxicology reports, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations. On an ongoing basis, electronic filing will reduce administrative workload.

Local Government

Workload will minimally increase for county coroner offices, or their analogs, to provide toxicology reports to CDOT on a quarterly basis.

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

Transportation

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](#).