



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1125: PARENT PENALTIES MINOR USING ELECTRIC BICYCLE

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill creates a penalty for parents who permit their child to unlawfully operate an electrical assisted bicycle, electric motorcycle, electric scooter, or electric skateboard.

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

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**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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The bill creates a civil infraction to be assessed against parents or guardians who permit their minor child or ward to operate an electrical assisted bicycle, electric motorcycle, electric scooter, or electric skateboard in an unlawful manor, as outlined in the bill. This includes a maximum penalty of \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation, and \$300 for the third or subsequent violations, as well as additional compliance conditions.

The bill also creates a statutory definition of "electric motorcycle," which includes an electric dirt bike.

## Comparable Crime Analysis

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Legislative Council Staff is required to include certain analysis in the fiscal note for any bill that creates a new crime, or that either reclassifies or creates a new factual basis for an existing crime. This section identifies comparable crimes and discusses assumptions on future conviction rates resulting from the bill.

## Prior Conviction Data

This bill creates the new offense of a parent or guardian permitting their minor child or ward to unlawfully operate an electrical assisted bicycle, electric motorcycle, electric scooter, or electric skateboard, a class B traffic infraction. To form an estimate on the prevalence of this new crime, the fiscal note analyzed the existing class B traffic infraction of violating laws regarding bicycles, personal mobility devices, electrical-assisted bicycle equipment, and electric scooters as a comparable crime. From FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25, 33 have been convicted and sentenced for this offense. Of the persons convicted, 32 were male and 1 was female. Demographically, 30 were White, 1 was Black/African American, and 2 were Hispanic. The fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal or no additional case filings or convictions for the new offense under the bill. Visit the [Fiscal Notes website](#) for more information about criminal justice costs in fiscal notes.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

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The bill may increase workload for trial courts in the Judicial Department if the bill results in more traffic infraction cases, which could also lead to increased revenue from fines. The fiscal note assumes the bill will result in few additional cases compared to current law, and that any workload or revenue impacts will be minimal. Fine revenue is subject to TABOR.

## Local Government

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Similar to the state, any increase in revenue and workload from additional municipal court filings is expected to be minimal.

## 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. It applies to conduct occurring on or after this date.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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District Attorneys	Public Safety
Judicial	Revenue
Law	Transportation

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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](#).