



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1355: REDUCE APPROP OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME GRANT PROGRAM

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill removes the requirement that General Fund appropriations be provided to the Out-of-School Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Education and reduces the program's FY 2026-27 appropriation.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2026-27:

- State Expenditures
- School Districts

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill reduces appropriations to the Colorado Department of Education by \$1.75 million.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$1.75 million	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires the General Assembly to appropriate \$3.5 million in FY 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the Out-of-School Time Program. The bill repeals this requirement and reduces the appropriation for the grant program by \$1.75 million in FY 2026-27.

Background

[House Bill 24-1331](#) created the Out-of-School Time grant program, which awards grants to non-profit organizations providing enrichment activities outside of school hours to students in K-12 public schools. Grants were awarded to 11 non-profits for the three-year period. Most grantees began implementation in summer of 2025. As of January 1, 2026, 1,887 students have participated in programming funded by this program.

State Expenditures

The bill reduces General Fund expenditures in the Colorado Department of Education by \$1.75 million in FY 2026-27. This will reduce the amount that the Department of Education spends on administration of the grant program as well as reduce the money that is distributed to grantees who offer after-school activities.

School District

School districts that currently work with contracted providers who provide after-school activities may have a reduction in workload to collaborate with these vendors. Impacts will vary by district and depend on current vendor contracts.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. However, Section 2 only takes effect if the Long Bill becomes law, with this section taking effect on the effective date of this bill or of the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, whichever is later.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill includes a reduction of \$1.75 million in General Fund appropriations to the Department of Education.

In addition, the bill includes technical language making this reduction in appropriations conditional on sufficient appropriations being available in the applicable line item in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

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