



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1369: REPEAL OF CONTRACT FOR ONLINE PLATFORM USE

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2026-27 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals a requirement that the Department of Higher Education contract with an online platform to assist students with accessing public benefits.

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

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required in this bill, assuming the required reduction in appropriations is included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

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)	-\$45,000	-\$45,000
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 Department of Higher Education is required to contract for an online platform to assist students at institutions of higher education in accessing public benefits. The bill eliminates this requirement.

Background

The Online Platform for Public Benefits for Higher Education Students was created in [Senate Bill 22-182](#). The statute stipulates that institutions that use the platform are required to contribute financially for the use of the platform.

State Expenditures

The bill reduces state General Fund expenditures in the Department of Higher Education (CDHE) by \$45,000 annually, beginning in FY 2026-27. This amount is the current annual appropriation to CDHE to contract for the online platform. By eliminating the requirement, this expenditure is no longer needed.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a \$45,000 reduction in General Fund appropriations to the Department of Higher Education. Assuming this appropriation change is included in the Long Bill, no appropriation is required in this bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

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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](#).