



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1380: REPEAL OFFICE OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE OMBUDSMAN

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Fiscal note status: This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill, which was amended by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2026-27 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill repeals the Office of Judicial Discipline Ombudsman.

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

- State Expenditures

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

Currently, the Office of the Judicial Ombudsman does not receive funding. By repealing the program, the bill precludes the possibility of future funding going toward the office.

Summary of Legislation

The bill repeals the Office of the Judicial Discipline Ombudsman, which was created to respond to and support judicial staff in reporting misconduct to the Commission on Judicial Discipline.

Background

The Office of the Judicial Discipline Ombudsman was established in [House Bill 23-1205](#). The fiscal note for the bill estimated expenditures of up to \$400,000 per year once the Ombudsman was selected. However, the selection board for the Ombudsman never convened, and funding for the office has not yet occurred. As of March 2026, no board meetings have been held and the ombudsman position remains unfilled.

State Expenditures

Because the General Assembly has not been required to fund the office since its creation, and funding is not included in the current FY 2026-27 Long Bill, this bill does not impact expenditures in FY 2026-27. In future years, the bill precludes the possibility of funding for the office.

Effective Date

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

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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](#).