



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1288: JURY SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates a Jury Selection Working Group in the Judicial Department.**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2026-27 only:

- Minimal State Expenditures
- 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 creates a Jury Selection Working Group in the Judicial Department. The bill specifies the appointing authorities and membership of this new working group, which must be appointed by June 15, 2026. Members of the working group serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their expenses.

The working group must identify best practices regarding the amount of time provided to attorneys in voir dire, juror rehabilitation, reducing bias in jury selection and training for judges and lawyers for jury selection, among others. The working group must submit a progress report on best practices by December 1, 2026, to the General Assembly and to each Colorado Supreme Court Justice. At a mutually agreed upon date, the working group and the Supreme Court will agree on a due date for the final report of recommendations. The Supreme Court must respond to this final report by June 15, 2027, and post their response on the Judicial Department's website. The working group is repealed on July 1, 2027.

State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase workload and costs in FY 2026-27 only in the Judicial Department, the Department of Law and the Office of the State Public Defender, as outlined below.

Judicial Department

Workload and costs in the Judicial Department will minimally increase in FY 2026-27 only. The Judicial Department will make the required appointments for the working group, host meetings, reimburse expenses for working group members and review the required reports and recommendations made by the working group and the Supreme Court. These additional tasks and expenses are expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Department of Law and Office of the State Public Defender

Both the Department of Law and the Office of the State Public Defender will have an increase in workload to appoint individuals to serve on the working group. This additional workload is minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Similar to the Department of Law and the Office of the State Public Defender, associations of District Attorneys, Lawyers and Judges will have a minimal workload increase to make required appointments to serve on the working group.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

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](#).