



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1127: REPORTING AFTER FATAL CAR CRASH

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law**Drafting number:** LLS 26-0483**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 1, 2026**Fiscal note status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires quarterly reporting of toxicology reports from vehicle accident deaths by coroners.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2026-27:

- Minimal State Workload
- 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 requires coroners to electronically report toxicology results for each death resulting from a motor vehicle accident to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) upon request by the final business day of each quarter. The report includes all available toxicology results for all deceased parties. Personal identifying information may only be requested to meet federal reporting requirements. Finally, the bill creates a duty for law enforcement officers to submit an amended report if a participant in a crash die within 30 days after the crash.

Background

Under current law, CDOT receives toxicology reports from counties annually and is required to report the data to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

State Expenditures

In FY 2026-27 only, CDOT workload will increase to build a web-based portal to receive electronic toxicology reports, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations. On an ongoing basis, electronic filing will reduce administrative workload. In addition, starting in FY 2026-27, workload to state law enforcement officers will increase to the extent they must submit additional reports.

Local Government

Workload will minimally increase for county coroner offices, or their analogs, to provide toxicology reports to CDOT on a quarterly basis, and law enforcement officers to submit amended reports.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 4, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Transportation