



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1232: COURT COSTS ASSESSED TO JUVENILES

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law**Drafting number:** LLS 26-0795**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 1, 2026**Fiscal note status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill clarifies that court costs should not apply to juveniles under the purview of the district court.

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

- Minimal State Workload

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

[House Bill 21-1315](#) prohibited courts from assessing certain fines and fees on individuals under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, and prohibited the collection of the balance of any court-assessed or court-ordered costs against anyone who committed an offense before the age of 18, and sentenced before the age of 21. The later scenario applies to all juveniles, including those who were prosecuted as adults (i.e., under the jurisdiction of a district court), while the former scenario only applies to juvenile delinquency cases. This bill clarifies that the prohibition of assessing certain court fines and fees also apply to juveniles who were prosecuted as adults.

State Expenditures

Workload in the Judicial Department will minimally decrease as the department will no longer be required to manually ensure that these cases were not sent to collections. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 4, 2026.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Judicial
District Attorneys	Public Safety
Human Services	Revenue

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](#).