



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1376: FEDERAL ADOPTION MONEY CASH FUND UPDATES

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law**Drafting Number:** LLS 26-0924**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 30, 2026

Fiscal note status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. It was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2026-27 budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill updates the allowable use of the Excess Title IV-E Reimbursement Cash Fund to align with federal law.

Types of impacts. The bill has no fiscal impact on state or 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

This bill updates the allowable use of the Excess Title IV-E Reimbursement Cash Fund to align with federal law, as current statute describes requirements that originated from a Title IV-E waiver that are no longer in effect.

Background

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act is the primary source of federal funds for child welfare. The Adoption Assistance Program expands Title IV-E eligibility, and the calculated savings from this expansion are deposited into the cash fund. Revenue can only support adoption and other permanency services under federal law. Funds must supplement, not supplant, the Adoption Assistance Program and cannot be used for other Title IV-E eligible services. The Long Bill currently includes an appropriation of \$2.9 million from the cash fund for permanency services.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill updates allowable uses of a cash fund to align with federal law. The Department of Human Services already utilizes the cash fund in alignment with the updated statutory language included in the bill. As such, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact on state or local government.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 27, 2026.

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](#).