



**Fiscal Note**  
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**SB 26-166: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS**

**Prime Sponsors:**

Sen. Benavidez; Kipp  
Rep. Goldstein

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**Bill Outcome:** Postponed Indefinitely  
**Drafting number:** LLS 26-0968

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note  
**Date:** June 8, 2026

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Education Committee on May 6, 2026, so the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill would have added conviction of a crime of violence or a felony drug offense to the crimes disqualifying a person from being an elected school district board member.

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

- School Districts

**Appropriations.** No appropriation was required

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

| Type of Impact          | Budget Year<br>FY 2026-27 | Out Year<br>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

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Under current law, a person is ineligible to be an elected school board member if the person committed a sexual offense against a child. This bill also prohibits anyone convicted of a crime of violence or certain felony drug offenses from serving as a school board member. A person is disqualified only if the crimes of violence or drug offense was committed as an adult.

## School Districts

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School districts conduct elections for school board members, typically in coordination with counties. Under current law, each school district must maintain information on school director eligibility on their web site. This bill minimally increases workload for school districts to update existing candidate information to include additional information on disqualifying crimes.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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