



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1397: MULTIPLE EMPLOYER HEALTH TRUST FUNDING

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill removes required appropriations for certain firefighter and peace officer benefit programs and keeps funding at FY 2025-26 levels for FY 2026-27 only.

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

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill requires and includes a reduction of \$250,000 in appropriations to the Department of Local Affairs and the Department of Public Safety.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact | Budget Year FY 2026-27 | Out Year FY 2027-28 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures (General Fund) | -\$250,000 | \$0 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

Under current law,¹ the General Assembly is required to increase appropriations to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for firefighter heart and circulatory malfunction benefits and the Department of Public Safety (CDPS) for cardiovascular screening for peace officers, by the amounts shown in Table 2 below. The bill removes these required increased appropriations in FY 2026-27 only and adjusts appropriations to maintain funding at FY 2025-26 levels—\$500,000 for DOLA and \$250,000 for CDPS. Employer participation in the programs becomes optional if funding is insufficient to fully cover the costs.

Table 2
Required Appropriations under Current Law

| Department | Current Year FY 2025-26 | Budget Year FY 2026-27 | Out Year FY 2027-28 | Out Year FY 2028-29 |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DOLA, Firefighter Heart & Circ. Benefits | \$500,000 | \$650,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$2,500,000 |
| CDPS, Peace Officer Cardiac Screening | \$250,000 | \$350,000 | \$500,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Total | \$750,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$3,500,000 |

State Expenditures

The bill reduces state expenditures by \$250,000 in FY 2026-27 only. This General Fund reductions will be incurred in DOLA and the CDPS, as shown in Table 3.

Table 3
State Expenditures
All Departments

| Department | Budget Year FY 2026-27 | Out Year FY 2027-28 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Department of Local Affairs | -\$150,000 | \$0 |
| Department of Public Safety | -\$100,000 | \$0 |
| Total Costs | -\$250,000 | \$0 |

Local Government

In FY 2026-27 only, the bill reduces funding to offset reimbursements to local fire and police departments from the Firefighters Benefits Trust Cash Fund in DOLA and from the Public Safety Cardiac Screening Trust in CDPS.

¹ [House Bill 24-1219](#).

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. However, Section 3 only takes effect if the Long Bill becomes law, with this section taking effect on the effective date of this bill or of the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, whichever is later.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires and includes a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$250,000, including:

- a \$150,000 reduction to the Department of Local Affairs, and a corresponding reduction from the Firefighter Benefits Cash Fund; and
- a \$100,000 reduction to the Department of Public Safety.

In addition, the bill includes technical language making this reduction in appropriations conditional upon sufficient appropriations being available in the applicable line item in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Public Safety

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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](#).