



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1220: UPDATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSE TERMINOLOGY

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

Drafting number: LLS 26-0089

Version: Final Fiscal Note

Date: May 20, 2026

Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill updates terminology from “acute treatment unit” to “behavioral health entity” to conform with existing facility licensing types.

No fiscal impact. The bill has no 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

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Background

[House Bill 19-1237](#) condensed multiple behavioral health facility licenses into one license type referred to as “behavioral health entities” and made conforming changes in statute.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill updates an incorrect reference of an acute treatment unit to a behavioral health entity. This results in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 5, 2026, and takes effect August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration

Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing

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](#).