



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-060: REPEATED PHONE CALLS OBSTRUCTION OF GOVT OPS

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

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Version: Final Fiscal Note

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies the existing offense of obstructing government operations, a class 2 misdemeanor, by including repeated emergency calls without a legitimate purpose.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2025-26:

- State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
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

The bill prohibits a person from repeated contact of a public safety emergency call center or public safety entity without the intent to report a legitimate public safety concern, emergency, or to seek assistance. Persons in violation commit the crime of obstructing government operations, a class 2 misdemeanor.

Comparable Crime Analysis

Legislative Council Staff is required to include certain information in the fiscal note for any bill that creates a new crime, changes the classification of an existing crime, or creates a new factual basis for an existing crime. The following section outlines crimes that are comparable to the offense in this bill and discusses assumptions on future rates of criminal convictions resulting from the bill.

Prior Conviction Data

This bill creates a new factual basis for the existing offense of obstructing government operations, a class 2 misdemeanor, by including repeated contact of public safety entities without a legitimate purpose. From FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24, 325 persons have been convicted and sentenced for this offense. Of the persons convicted, 248 were male, 76 were female, and 1 did not have a gender identified. Demographically, 266 were White, 25 were Black/African American, 23 were Hispanic, 3 were Asian, 3 were American Indian, and 5 were classified as "Other."

Assumptions

While it is possible for additional persons to be sentenced and convicted for this existing offense based on the expansion of prohibited activity, it is assumed that most people will follow the law. Therefore, the fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal convictions for the existing offense as modified by the bill. Visit leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes for more information about criminal justice costs in fiscal notes.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Based on the assumptions above, this analysis assumes that there will be a minimal impact on state revenue and expenditures. Under the bill, criminal fines and court fees, which are subject to TABOR, may increase by a minimal amount. Similarly, any increase in workload and costs for the Judicial Department, including the trial courts, Division of Probation, and agencies that provide representation to indigent persons, are assumed to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Similar to the state, it is expected that any workload or cost increases for district attorneys to prosecute more offenses, or for county jails to imprison more individuals under the bill will be minimal. District attorney offices and county jails are funded by counties.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2025, and takes effect on October 1, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys

Judicial

Fire Chiefs

Public Safety

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](#).