



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0135: Eliminate termination of chemical dependency voucher program

Primary Sponsor: Mike Yakawich Status: As Introduced

- Included in the Executive Budget     
 Needs to be included in HB 2     
 Significant Local Gov Impact  
 Significant Long-Term Impacts     
 Technical Concerns     
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 135 removes the termination date of June 30, 2027, listed in Section 7 of 53-24-204, MCA, for the Chemical Dependency Treatment Voucher Program. The removal of the termination date will cause the Department to reallocate the appropriations within the Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) program but does not create any additional appropriation or change the revenue. The removal of the termination date and the immediate effective date of SB 135 does not have a fiscal impact for FY 2026 or FY 2027.

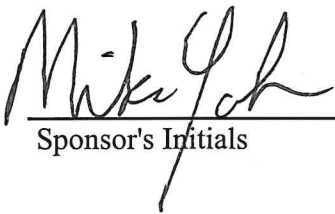
### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

1. The Chemical Dependency Treatment Voucher Program's biennial appropriation is \$600,000. Split evenly per year, equates to \$300,000 per year.
2. The program was established through rulemaking, effective April 27, 2024. In order to be reimbursed for room and board under the Substance Use Disorder Voucher Program in 37.27.201, ARM, a program must be a state-approved substance use disorder facility under 37.27.106, ARM, and licensed as an ASAM 3.1 substance use disorder facility pursuant to Title 37, chapter 106, subchapter 14, ARM. Funds for reimbursement were added to contracts with ASAM 3.1 providers. Contract language set the daily room and board rate to \$35.00 per day and limits the voucher amount per client to a maximum of \$1,000 per year.
3. The department assumes a limit of voucher activity to \$300,000 per year.
4. In FY 2024, 258 individuals received ASAM 3.1 level of care (Medicaid and Non-Medicaid). The department estimates the following number of individuals in ASAM 3.1: 287 in FY 2025, 309 in FY 2026, and 334 in FY 2027.
5. It is estimated that room and board vouchers will be available to 287 individuals at \$287,000 in FY 2025, 300 individuals at \$300,000 in FY 2026, and subsequent fiscal years.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)

  
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