



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-116: SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill extends the disclosure period for protection orders in dissolution of marriage and legal separation cases from two to five years, and requires courts to consider the orders in marital property division, spousal maintenance, and attorney fees decisions.

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

- Minimal State Workload

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

Current law requires individuals filing for dissolution of marriage or legal separation to disclose to courts any restraining orders and protection orders entered within the past two years. The bill requires the disclosure of any orders within five years of filing the petition.

If a mandatory protection order was entered against a party within five years of filing the petition, the bill:

- requires the court to consider the order when dividing marital property;
- prohibits the court from awarding spousal maintenance to the restrained party;
- allows the court to order the restrained party to pay for the other individual's attorney fees; and
- allows the non-restrained party to request the date of legal separation to be the date the mandatory protection order was issued.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase for the Judicial Department to review additional protection orders from the extended timeframe in dissolution of marriage and legal separation cases. This includes additional time for judicial officers to review the additional protection orders when making determinations on marital property, spousal maintenance, and attorney fees. As courts currently review protection orders, any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

Judicial

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](#).