



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0181: Generally revise Indian education for all laws

Primary Sponsor: Jonathan Windy Boy 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</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>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact

Office of Public Instruction

SB 181 revises Indian education for all laws to emphasize tribal consultation, the role of Indian language and cultural specialists, and places additional requirements on the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction to improve Indian education for all and strengthen accountability. SB 181 has no fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Office of Public Instruction


1. SB 181 revises Indian education for all laws to emphasize tribal consultation and the role of Indian language and cultural specialists.
2. This bill also places additional requirements on the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to improve Indian education for all and strengthen accountability, clarifying the duties of the OPI for financial accountability of Indian education for all funds provided by the state to school districts, establishing reporting requirements, and revising a definition.
3. Section 5 of SB 181, changes law so that if a school district fails to file the annual financial report, the OPI shall reduce the school district's base and maximum budget limits and BASE aid funding by the full amount of the Indian education for all payment. Additionally, base and maximum budget limits and BASE aid funding are to be reduced for a school district that fails to show that all funds received, were spent for approved purposes.
4. Additionally, 20-9-329, MCA, requires the OPI publish an annual report on the agency website listing school districts that fails to report or satisfactorily report. The OPI is also required to list the school districts

that fail to report or satisfactorily report, to be noted in the school accreditation status reports established by the Board of Public Education.

5. The bill requires OPI to provide an online portal to respond to and address feedback for improvement of the quality of American Indian studies. Creation of the portal and resources to respond to feedback could be covered within existing resources at OPI.



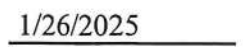
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