

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0369.01: Strengthen suicide prevention efforts in schools					
Primary Sponsor:	Mike Yakawich		Status:	As Introduced	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		\square Needs to be included in HB 2		☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
FISCAL SUMMARY					
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

SB 369 requires the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to ensure low-cost, no-cost options for youth suicide awareness and prevention training for schools. This bill also requires suicide awareness and prevention training for certain OPI employees. OPI currently makes available suicide awareness and prevention training to schools and OPI employees and will continue to provide this training. There is no state fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- 1. SB 369 changes the youth suicide awareness and prevention training law, 20-7-1310, MCA, to include that the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) shall ensure low-cost and no-cost training options for schools. This is added to the current law requirement that OPI shall provide guidance and technical assistance on youth suicide awareness and prevention training materials to all Montana schools.
- 2. This section also strikes language that "The legislature recommends that employees" so that the law is no longer recommended by the legislature but directs that school district employees who work directly with any students enrolled in Montana public schools must receive annual training and take at least two hours of youth suicide awareness and prevention training every five years.

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NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

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3/3/2025 Date

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