



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0814.01: Require plans for school district reorganization

Primary Sponsor: Fiona Nave 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> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

HB 814 provides duties for county superintendents in collaborating with school districts to form a plan for reorganizing all elementary school districts into K-12 school districts within existing high school district boundaries, and report to the Education Interim Committee. There is no current fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS


Assumptions

1. HB 814 describes reorganization of elementary and high school districts to form K-12 school districts.
2. The legislative intent in the bill states that no later than July 1, 2029, elementary school districts must be reorganized with the high school district in which they are located to form, except for districts receiving impact aid, as provided in 20-6-701(4), MCA, a K-12 school district with a single contiguous boundary.
3. County superintendents of schools in collaboration with the school district trustees and administrators of the county are to provide a report to the Education Interim Committee, no later than March 1, 2026, describing the county's plan for reorganization. Details of what is to be included in the report are listed in the bill.
4. The Education Interim Committee is to consider the reports and, if necessary, make recommendations to the following legislature regarding any statutory changes required as part of the reorganization.
5. Until such time as schools were consolidating into K-12 districts, it is unknown what costs the Office of Public Instruction would bear.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3/4/2025

Date