



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0369.02 (001): Strengthen suicide prevention efforts in schools

Primary Sponsor: Mike Yakawich Status: As Amended in House Committee

☐ 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><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029</u><br><u>Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)           | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>Revenues</b>             |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)           | \$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 369, as amended, 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, as amended, 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. As amended, Section 1(4) 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 one hour of youth suicide awareness and prevention training every three years.
3. Currently, trainings are available through the OPI Learning Hub website at no cost. In addition, free video training modules are available online. Additional trainings, are available through the Department of Public Health and Human Service Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

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