



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0595.01: Revise qualifications for teachers of adult basic education or high school equivalency programs at state correctional institutions**

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</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

HB 595 legislatively mandates a "Montana correctional education program" in the Department of Corrections (DoC). It requires, at a minimum, the ability for offender to obtain a high school equivalency diploma and participate in "adult basic education." The department is authorized to adopt policies to determine which offenders are eligible for education programming. HB 595 also defines eligibility for educators who would provide this education. There is no fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Corrections

1. HB 595 allows for greater flexibility in the delivery of educational services, but the department does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

2/26/2025

Date