



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0024: Clarify laws related to kindergarten

Primary Sponsor: Melissa Romano

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 24 revises education laws about kindergarten to clarify specific types of enrollment increases and to remove obsolete provisions by amending multiple sections of law. This bill has no state fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Office of Public Instruction

1. Sections 20-1-301, 20-3-326, and 20-7-117, MCA, are amended to clarify that students enrolled in kindergarten programs are to be counted for ANB purposes based on the number of aggregate hours attending, that students may attend half or full time, and that districts offer kindergarten to meet aggregate hour requirements.
2. Sections 20-9-311, and 20-9-313, MCA, are modified to remove references to the transitioning of districts to full-time kindergarten programs for adjustments to ANB funding, and budget amendment adjustment purposes that were related to SB 2 of the 2007 special legislative session.
3. Section 20-9-205, MCA, or the powers and duties of the county superintendent, is amended to broaden the meaning of estimated increases to ANB under section 20-9-131, MCA, from item (1)(c), or anticipated increases in ANB associated with the closure of a private or other public school district in or in a neighboring school district to the entire section.

Melissa Roma 1/8/25
Sponsor's Initials Date

RD 1/7/2025
Budget Director's Initials Date