



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0272.01: Create rules of conduct for child protection specialists

Primary Sponsor: Daniel Emrich 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><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> | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          |

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 272 establishes rules of conduct for child protection specialists. Child protection specialist conduct is already addressed in 41-3-1, MCA, and the Montana Operations Manual (MOM) Section III. Therefore SB 272 would have no fiscal impact.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

1. SB 272 establishes rules of conduct for child protection specialists. Child protection specialists are currently subject to MCA Title 41, Chapter 3. Part 1, and the Montana Operations Manual (MOM) Section III. Procedures, which states "employees shall abide by the code of ethics and standards of conduct found in 2-2-101 through 2-2-304, MCA, at all times." As rules of conduct are already covered by statute, including the parental right to file a complaint under 41-3-216(4), there is no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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