



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0364.02: Generally revise laws related to immunizations

Primary Sponsor: Melody Cunningham 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 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 364, as amended, revises school immunization and exemption data laws in Montana. The bill requires schools to submit annual reports on immunizations and exemptions to the state by December 1st of each year. There is no fiscal impact to this bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

1. Department is defined in 20-5-402, MCA, to mean the Department of Public Health and Human Services.
2. HB 364 revises school immunization and exemption data laws in Montana. The bill requires schools to submit annual reports on immunizations and exemptions to the state by December 1st of each year. DPHHS would be required to modify some reporting requirements. However, it is anticipated that these changes can be absorbed by existing staff.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

Office of Public Instruction

3. There is assumed to be an undetermined, but significant added burden on school districts to collect and report the required information.
4. HB 364 creates no fiscal impact to K-12 public schools.

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5. HB 364 creates no fiscal impact for counties.

League of Cities and Towns

6. HB 364 creates no fiscal impact for cities and towns.

Technical Concerns**Office of Public Instruction**

1. Pupil is defined under section 20-1-101, MCA, and is admitted to school under section 20-5-101, MCA. There is no statutory definition of "student" used in this bill, therefore the understanding of student as used in HB 364 is unclear.
2. The requirement to collect immunization data for "schools" is not defined. Public school districts are defined under Title 20, Section 6 and the definition of school is defined in Title 20, Section 6, Part 5. It is unclear as to the meaning of school as described in HB 364.
3. Although a report is to be filed with DPHHS, the data is nonidentifiable, the required enforcement described under section 20-5-408, MCA, will need to occur at the school or school district level. It is unclear as to the purpose of the data reporting requirement at the agency level and what would be required of DPHHS in relation to the collection of this data.

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