



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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 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><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></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