



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0286

**Title:** Revise laws related to the Montana digital academy

**Primary Sponsor:** Windy Boy, Jonathan

**Status:** As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
  Needs to be included in HB 2     
  Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
  Significant Long-Term Impacts     
  Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$40,000)</u>	<u>(\$40,000)</u>	<u>(\$20,000)</u>	<u>(\$20,000)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 286 modifies 20-7-1201, MCA, reflecting the purposes of the Montana digital academy (MTDA), requiring the MTDA to include courses in Indian language and culture. The additional state general fund costs would be \$80,000 for the 2023 biennium.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- HB 286 adds to the purposes of the MTDA to support Article X, section 1(2) of the Montana constitution by offering courses in Indian language and culture that utilize American Indian language and culture specialists, support Indian language immersion programs, use materials developed by the tribes as part of the Montana Indian Language Preservation Program, and partner with Montana tribal colleges to include dual credit and intergenerational learning opportunities.
- The MTDA currently offers 125 courses to Montana public schools for original credit, credit recovery, advanced placement, dual credit, and career and technical education (CTE) credit. These courses are aligned with curriculum standards and have a certified Montana teacher assigned to each class instance.
- None of these current courses meet the requirements of the new section of statute proposed by this bill.

