



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0886 - Revise laws related to access to sealed youth court records (Fitzgerald, Ross H)

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 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 886 would revise 41-5-216(3), MCA, which refers to the destruction of sealed youth court records after 10 years. The bill would provide an exception for records relating to the adjudication of a youth for a sexual offense as defined in 46-23-503, MCA, stating that such records “may not be destroyed without the consent of the victim. Consent may not be obtained from the victim until after the victim has attained 18 years of age.” The Department of Corrections can address these changes with resources already available, so there will be no fiscal impact.

Technical Note:

- There appears to be an error in the language of this bill, when it refers to “sexual offense as defined in MCA 46-23-503.” There is nothing in that provision that defines a sexual offense. It is possible that the drafter may have meant MCA 46-23-502(9) (a-b), instead, where “sexual offense” is defined.



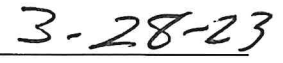
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