



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0913 - Revise school library collection selection and reconsideration processes (Barker, Brad)

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	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$2,500)</u>	<u>(\$2,500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 913 revises school library laws providing minimum specifications for the adoption of policies by the board of trustees addressing the use of, access to, and operation of school libraries. Remedies for reconsideration and removal of school library materials and the process for handling those reconsideration requests are identified. The bill provides a \$5,000 general fund appropriation to the Board of Public Education for the 2025 biennium for the adoption of administrative rules related to the new requirements.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. Section 20-3-210, MCA, is amended to provide an exception to the county superintendent handling disputes regarding reconsideration and removal of school library materials to include a written request submitted by a registered elector of the district to be submitted to the district superintendent or to the presiding officer of the board of trustees, if there is not a district superintendent.
2. Section 20-3-324, MCA, is amended to add additional powers and duties of the board of trustees to adopt and implement library selection and reconsideration policies.
3. The bill gives the trustees supervision and control of the school libraries of a district and specifies minimum policies regarding the use of, access to, and operation of school libraries.
4. Library materials both selected and donated to the school library must comply with the policy adopted by the board of trustees.

5. New Section 5 provides a process to handle reconsideration for the removal of school library materials. This process is outlined to include a written request and the minimum details required in the request to be made to the district superintendent or the presiding officer of the board of trustees by a registered elector of the district. The process for reconsideration is established in the bill.
6. The bill appropriates \$5,000 for the 2025 biennium to the Board of Public Education for adoption of administrative rules related to the requirements of HB 913.
7. There is no fiscal impact to the Office of Public Instruction.

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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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