

HOUSE BILL NO. 861

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE ACCESS TO A K-12 DIGITAL TOOLKIT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. (1) The following money is appropriated from the general fund to provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit that provides state standards-aligned, multimodal instructional materials across all content areas, including access to career and technical educational materials and local Montana industry partners to support workforce development:

(a) for fiscal year 2026:

(i) \$1.1 million to the office of public instruction; and

(ii) \$750,000 to the department of labor and industry; and

(b) for fiscal year 2027:

(i) \$1.1 million to the office of public instruction; and

(ii) \$750,000 to the department of labor and industry.

(2) The legislature intends that the appropriations in this section be considered part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. TERMINATION. [THIS ACT] TERMINATES JUNE 30, 2029.

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