

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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