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TO: Education Interim Committee  
FROM: Becca Brown, Committee Staff  
RE: Reports statutorily required to be submitted to EDIC  
DATE: June 12, 2026

As the end of the interim approaches, it is time once again to review required reports.

The majority of required reports are biennial reports provided in September of even years.

With that in mind, you will need to indicate during your June 15-16 meeting which of the reports you want a formal presentation on during your September 14 meeting. Remember that you also have a joint meeting with the Education Interim Budget Committee (EIBC) on Sept 15, and that some reports may be of interest to both committees.

*Agencies are required to submit certain reports to specific interim legislative committees by September 1 of the year preceding a legislative session, unless otherwise directed in statute. All reports must be submitted in writing. Committees may also request a presentation on a specific report from the agency. These reports are submitted in compliance with [5-11-210, MCA](#), which establishes the Legislative Services Division as the clearinghouse for the reports.*

Reports that are statutorily required to be submitted to EDIC are:

| Report                                                                       | Entity      | Deadline      | Statute   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| SMART Act Annual Performance Report                                          | Multiple*   | Oct 1, 2025   | 2-12-105  |
| Reemployment of Retired Teachers (by districts)                              | TRS         | Sept 1, 2026  | 19-20-732 |
| Reemployment of Retired Teachers (by OPI; NEW)                               | TRS         | Sept 1, 2026  | HB 349    |
| <a href="#">Indian Education for All</a> (annual report; NEW; SB 181)        | OPI         | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-1-503  |
| Educational Opportunity for Military Children                                | OPI et. al. | Sept 1, 2026  | 20-1-231  |
| <a href="#">Grow Your Own Grant Program</a> (annual report)                  | OCHE        | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-4-601  |
| <a href="#">Out-of-District Attendance</a> (annual report)                   | OPI         | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-5-324  |
| Education and Workforce Data Governing Board                                 | DofA        | Sept 1, 2026  | 20-7-138  |
| State-Level Strengthening Career and Technical Student Organizations Program | OPI         | Sept 1, 2026  | 20-7-320  |
| Educational Programs for Children Receiving In-State Inpatient Treatment     | OPI         | Sept 30, 2026 | 20-7-435  |

| (Continued) | Report                                                                                   | Entity | Deadline      | Statute   |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|
|             | Montana Digital Academy                                                                  | MTDA   | Sept 1, 2026  | 20-7-1201 |
|             | Advanced Opportunity Act                                                                 | BPE    | Sept 15, 2026 | 20-7-1506 |
|             | Transformational Learning Programs**                                                     | BPE    | Sept 1, 2028  | 20-7-1602 |
|             | <a href="#">Early Literacy Targeted Interventions</a> (annual report)                    | OPI    | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-7-1804 |
|             | <a href="#">School Funding Inflation Report</a> (odd years; NEW)                         | OPI    | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-9-326  |
|             | Indian Language Preservation Program                                                     | OPI    | Sept 1, 2026  | 20-9-537  |
|             | <a href="#">Resident Student Financial Aid</a> (annual report)                           | OCHE   | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-26-105 |
|             | <a href="#">Montana Foster Youth Higher Education Assistance Program</a> (annual report) | OCHE   | Sept 1, 2025  | 20-26-633 |
|             | State Agency Heritage Properties                                                         | SHPO   | Sept 1, 2026  | 22-3-423  |
|             | County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team                        | OPI    | Sept 1, 2026  | 52-2-211  |
|             | Montana Early Childhood Account (annual)                                                 | DPHHS  | Sept 1, 2025  | HB 924    |

\*SMART Act “annual” plans and performance reports are prepared by OCHE, BPE, OPI, MHS, MAC, and MSL.

\*\*House Bill No. 573 (Bedey; 2025) revised the Transformational Learning Program to sunset the existing program a year early (at the end of fiscal year 2026) and replace it with a Phase II Grant Program in which the Office of Public Instruction will select up to five districts who received Transformational Learning funding previously to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding to further their efforts. While the formal reporting for this Phase II Grant Program is not until the 2027-2028 interim, the committee could request updates from OPI on Phase II earlier.

Reports that are statutorily required to be submitted to the Legislature, but may be of interest to EDIC include:

| Report                                                      | Entity    | Deadline     | Statute   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| School Funding Interim Commission (SFIC)                    | SFIC      | Sept 1, 2026 | 5-20-301  |
| Education Commission of the States (annual report)          | ECS       | Sept 1, 2025 | 20-2-501  |
| <a href="#">Public Charter Schools</a> (annual report)      | BPE       | Dec 1, 2025  | 20-6-804  |
| Perkins CTE Plan                                            | OCHE      | Sept 1, 2026 | 20-7-330  |
| Gifted and Talented Programs                                | OPI       | Sept 1, 2026 | 20-7-904  |
| At-Risk Students                                            | OPI       | Sept 1, 2026 | 20-9-328  |
| American Indian Students                                    | OPI       | Sept 1, 2026 | 20-9-329  |
| Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (annual) | WICHE     | Jan 15, 2026 | 20-25-801 |
| MHS Trustees                                                | MHS Board | Sept 1, 2026 | 22-3-107  |

Please review the tables above, and determine your answers to the following questions:

- Which of the required reports should be presented to EDIC on **September 14**?
- Which of the required reports should be presented during the joint EDIC/EIBC meeting on **September 15**?