

**Session 2015 – SB 272 Windy Boy – The Cultural Integrity Commitment Act** is created:  
(This is NOT the full MCA language of this part. Some language from MCA below is shortened)

-SB 272 holds an Appropriations Section 6 of **\$45,000 OTO** for biennium 2017.

20-7-1401, MCA Title: Cultural Integrity Commitment Act

20-7-1402, MCA Purpose:

The purpose of this part is to promote innovative, culturally relevant, Indian language immersion programs for Indian and non-Indian students with the goal of raising student achievement, strengthening families, and preserving and perpetuating Indian language and culture throughout Indian country and Montana.

20-7-1403, MCA Definitions:

- (1) "**Eligible district**" means a school district encompassing or adjacent to an Indian reservation or a district that includes one or more schools with an **Indian population of 10% or greater**.
- (2) "**Immersion program**" means a program of an eligible district in which:
  - (a) instruction in an Indian language at least **50% of the day**;
  - (b) teachers are fully **proficient in the languages** they use for instruction;
  - (c) Program goal is for perpetuating cultural integrity and promoting bilingualism.
- (3) "Indian language" means any of the languages of the tribes located on the seven Montana reservations and the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

20-7-1404, MCA:

**Indian language immersion programs funding:**

- ...(2) A district creating an Indian language immersion program is entitled to the following in addition to the school funding formula in Title 20, chapter 9:
- (a)(i) For every **Indian student participating** in an Indian language immersion program, an additional **American Indian achievement gap payment, multiplied by 2**; and
  - (ii) for every **non-Indian student participating** in an Indian language immersion program, an additional **Indian education for all payment, multiplied by 2**; and
  - (b) for every full-time American Indian language and culture **specialist teaching** in an Indian language immersion program, a **quality educator payment**.

OPI Distributes:

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| FY 2016              | \$10,903        | 1 District  |
| FY 2017              | <u>\$27,326</u> | 3 Districts |
| Biennium             | \$38,229        |             |
| Reverted to state GF | \$ 6,771        |             |

All Sections above are temporary and are set to sunset the end of FY 2019.

**Session 2017**

No appropriation is made, no distributions are made by the OPI.

**Session 2019 - HB 41 Windy Boy – Extend the Cultural Integrity Commitment Act**

All sections are extended with new sunset at the end of FY 2023.

HB 2 appropriates through line Cultural Integrity Commitment Act -- HB 41

FY 2020 = \$47,590 & FY 2021 = \$48,470

**OPI Distributes:**

**FY 2020**

|                    |          |             |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Requested Amount   | \$87,629 | 2 Districts |
| Distributed Amount | \$47,590 |             |

**FY 2021**

|                    |           |             |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Requested Amount   | \$126,742 | 2 Districts |
| Distributed Amount | \$48,470  |             |

No funds are returned to the state general fund.

The biennium shortfall compared to the appropriation authority is \$118,311

**Session 2021**

HB 2 Is currently carrying the Base of \$48,470 forward through FY 2022 & FY 2023 annually.