

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6604
BILL NUMBER: SB 159

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 15, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Technology Plans and Policies.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Deery
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires school corporations and charter schools (schools) to include in the school's technology plan a description of the school's plan to:

- (1) Ensure the appropriate use of technological devices in schools; and
- (2) Enable parents of students to exercise control over a student's technological devices while the student is not in school.

The bill not later than January 1, 2027, requires a school to include in the school's internet use policy a provision that enables the parent of a student to increase the strength of certain filters and limit the use of certain devices. It requires a school to include in the school's wireless communication device policy a provision that prohibits a student from using school supplied technological devices for a noneducational purpose during instructional time.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Public schools will experience a minor workload increase in FY 2027 to update their technology plan and other policies. The bill's requirements are within a school's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Public schools.

Information Sources:

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