

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6604**  
**BILL NUMBER:** SB 159

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 15, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** School Technology Plans and Policies.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Deery  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) 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, block access to websites or content, 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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