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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6604
BILL NUMBER: SB 159

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2026

SUBJECT: School Technology Plans and Policies.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Deery
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st 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 or engaged in virtual instruction or remote learning.

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 creates an exemption from the internet use policy requirement. It also 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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