

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1412 (Rubio) – As Amended June 22, 2026

Policy Committee: Education

Vote: 8 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: Yes

SUMMARY:

This bill provides that a parent, guardian, or educational rights holder unable to attend an individual meeting with their child's teacher shall have the right to communicate with the teacher instead by telephone or a school-approved web conferencing platform.

FISCAL EFFECT:

To the extent this bill results in local educational agencies (LEAs) needing to update policies, provide notice to parents, and purchase software license rights or memberships to allow for the use of telephone or audio-visual remote communication options to parents, the bill could create one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs of an unknown but potentially significant amount, possibly in the tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars, collectively statewide.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

SB 1412 ensures that schools provide remote participation options, helping families who may struggle with transportation or are navigating the complexities of immigration to actively participate in their child's education. This bill is about providing equitable access to parents who might otherwise be excluded, ensuring that all families, regardless of circumstance, can engage with educators. By expanding access in this way, the bill supports equity, strengthens school-family communication, and helps ensure every student has the support needed to reach their full potential.

2) **Background.** Current law provides the right for a parent, guardian, or educational rights holder to interact with their child's teachers and administrators, extending even to the right to observe them in the classroom setting. However, these statutes have not been updated to account for the increase in the use of remote communication platforms, like Zoom, that allow a child's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder to interact with school officials even when the parent, guardian, or educational rights holder is unable to attend in person. This bill authorizes a parent, guardian, or educational rights holder to attend a meeting with a teacher about their child remotely and prohibits the meeting from being recorded or transcribed.