

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB264

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Craig

3. Committee: Communications, Technology, and Innovation

4. Title: Department of Education; school boards; student online activity; data collection, monitoring.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education to establish reporting expectations for school divisions that collect student online activity data, and for each school board to adhere to, (i) requirements to disclose to the parents of enrolled students what student online activity is tracked and monitored on school devices on school property and what student online activity data is being collected on school devices; (ii) a requirement to include in the school division's acceptable use policy for the internet that student online activity is being tracked and associated student online activity data is collected and (iii); a requirement to provide the parents of an enrolled student with the ability to access any student online activity data as available; (iv) notify the parents of an enrolled student after an alert is created or action taken based on the online activity of such student; and (v) prohibit the inclusion of student online activity data in a student's permanent record. The bill also requires the Department to establish and distribute to each school board a template that each such school board may use to make certain disclosures to the parents of enrolled students relating to student online activity tracking or monitoring and the collection of data on such activity. The bill also requires the Board of Education to create and distribute to each school board best practices for deleting student online activity data.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: In order to establish the reporting expectations and best practices as required by this bill, the Department of Education would need to hire additional contracted support at an estimated one-time cost of \$5,500 general fund in FY25, which the agency can absorb.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, Local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None