BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 3277, as introduced, requires public school boards to adopt digital safety measures to address the following:

- Real-time filtering and monitoring of appropriate internet content;
- Detection and prevention of cyberbullying;
- Prevention of self-harm and suicide; and
- Identification of potential threats.

Schools will communicate how data is collected and utilized and annually report to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on the effectiveness of the digital safety solutions. Schools must also provide parents with the option to monitor their students' online activity while using school-issued devices at home.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure requires the employment of digital safety solutions and monitoring. As such, it is anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$4 million to both school districts and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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Other Considerations

None.

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