

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3958
Version:	INT
Request Number:	9704
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

HB 3958, as introduced, requires schools to include parents or guardians in any digital communication between a staff member and a student. Exceptions may be made in cases of emergencies. Schools must also provide State Department of Education-developed training for staff regarding such communication requirements.

If a staff member is reported to violate this requirement, they will be put on administrative leave during an investigation. If no misconduct is found, the staff member will be reinstated with a written warning. If misconduct is confirmed, the staff member's employment will be terminated, and the incident must be reported to law enforcement.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.