

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB 2959 |
| Version: | INT |
| Request Number: | 14102 |
| Author: | Rep. Bashore |
| Date: | 2/7/2026 |
| Impact: | No Impact |

Research Analysis

HB 2959, as introduced, requires private and public school administrators to notify law enforcement within 24 hours of learning that a school employee has allegedly abused a student. Law enforcement must be notified prior to any school-led investigation, questioning, or discipline of the employee.

The measure also requires every school employee to annually sign an attestation of their responsibility to report suspected child abuse, and clarifies that failure to sign does not relieve them of their obligations.

Lastly, the measure requires law enforcement to be notified if a school employee is texting or emailing a student without parental involvement on a private platform.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in it's current form would not result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.