

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 799</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for SB 799 modifies statute regarding digital communication between students and school personnel. The measure clarifies which students school personnel are prohibited from digitally communicating with. The measure defines student as a person enrolled in a public school who does not have a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.

Further, students who don't have a legal guardian on file with the school may include an alternate adult in their electronic communication with school staff in lieu of a required parent or guardian. The alternate adult must be a case manager, designated employee of the student's homeless shelter, or a continuum of care lead agency assigned to the student.

Certain steps must be taken before an alternate adult can be included in the child's electronic communication. The alternate adult must:

- Send a letter to the last known address of the parent or legal guardian;
- Wait at least 15 days for a response; and
- Upon completion of the previous steps, file written verification with the school that the student is homeless.

They must also promptly notify the school if they are no longer assigned to the student, or the student no longer meets the definition of homeless.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

As written, the committee substitute version of 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.

