

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2879

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

2. Patron Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee Education (House)

4. Title Education; prevention of bullying and establishment of guidelines for video monitoring in schools.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill directs the Board of Education and local school boards to establish measures for the prevention of bullying, harassment, and intimidation in schools and to establish guidelines for the use of video cameras in schools to monitor students, where appropriate, including in the course of any police interview. The bill also requires school principals to report certain incidents to law-enforcement officers and to notify the parents of any minor student who is taken into custody or questioned by law-enforcement officers. Further, no minor student may be questioned by a law-enforcement officer or be asked to give consent to a waiver of any rights unless a parent, guardian, or lawyer representing the student is present. The model school crisis and emergency plan developed by the Board of Education shall set forth required procedures, including mandatory periodic drills, and means by which parents can effectively contact the relevant school or school division regarding the location and safety of their school children and by which school officials shall contact parents, with parental approval, during a critical event or emergency.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Unknown

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This amendment would require school board policies relating to bullying, harassment, and intimidation to include, but need not be limited to, a definition, consistent with the definition provided in this bill, of bullying, intimidation, and harassment. Many school divisions have already addressed bullying, harassment, and intimidation in their codes of conduct. However, any revisions to local codes of conduct may result in some fiscal impact for reprinting any revisions. Additionally, some fiscal impact on the localities may result from school boards being required to include training for teachers, administrators, and other personnel on the prevention and control of bullying, harassment, and intimidation in their policies.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school boards

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Education