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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6834**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 185**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2024**

**BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2024**

**SUBJECT:** Student Use of Wireless Communication Device.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Raatz

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires each school corporation and charter school to:

- (1) Adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy that governs student use of a wireless communication device; and
- (2) Publish the policy on the school corporation's or charter school's website.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill requires public schools to adopt and implement a policy prohibiting the student use of wireless communication devices in certain situations. This policy must be published on the school's website. The bill's requirements are within a school's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:**

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