Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB245-ER **Patron:** Head
Bill Title: Social media platforms; school boards.

Bill Summary: Provides that each school board shall prohibit public elementary and secondary schools, school board employees, and school volunteers from using a social media platform as the sole means of communication with students for the facilitation of school-related extracurricular activities. The bill states that it does not prohibit the use of school division-approved communication or messaging applications. The bill provides an exception to such prohibition when such use is required to meet an objective that cannot be reasonably achieved without such use, provided that the division superintendent or his designee (i) provides clear, written instructions on such use and (ii) may revoke such exception at any time.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A

Fiscal Summary: Any impact to local school divisions to comply with the provisions of this bill is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: See “Fiscal Summary”

Other: None.