

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 594

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “education” insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 11 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘monitoring software’ means software that can**
4 **be used to monitor a person’s usage of computers and similar devices or usage of Internet**
5 **services.**

6 **“(2) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall conduct a study on monitoring**
7 **software that can be used to monitor a student’s usage related to:**

8 **“(a) District-owned computers and similar devices; and**

9 **“(b) District Internet services.**

10 **“(3) The office shall conduct the study required under this section with a consideration**
11 **of equity and by consulting with:**

12 **“(a) School districts;**

13 **“(b) Education service districts;**

14 **“(c) Experts in information technology;**

15 **“(d) Experts in cybersecurity;**

16 **“(e) Students and families from currently and historically underserved and underrepre-**
17 **sented communities;**

18 **“(f) Public health authorities;**

19 **“(g) Sexual assault organizations;**

20 **“(h) The Department of Human Services;**

21 **“(i) The Department of Education; and**

22 **“(j) The Department of Justice.**

23 **“(4) The study conducted under this section shall include:**

24 **“(a) A summary of existing state and federal statutes relevant to monitoring software**
25 **that may be used in education.**

26 **“(b) A review of automated video-based monitoring software that may be used in educa-**
27 **tion. In this review, the office shall study:**

28 **“(A) The types of automated video-based monitoring software available to, or currently**
29 **used in, education, including:**

30 **“(i) The purpose of the software;**

31 **“(ii) The information collected and used from the software;**

32 **“(iii) How information from the software is shared; and**

33 **“(iv) Who receives information collected from the software;**

34 **“(B) Ways that monitoring software could potentially benefit school districts, students**
35 **and students’ families, including assisting with the provision of education or the adminis-**

1 tration of assessments or protecting the health, safety and welfare of students;

2 “(C) Ways that monitoring software could potentially be harmful to school districts,
3 students and students’ families, including whether the software could exacerbate harm to
4 currently and historically underserved and underrepresented students; and

5 “(D) The financial impact of monitoring software on school districts.

6 “(e) Recommendations for policies related to the use of video-based monitoring software
7 that may be used in kindergarten through grade 12 educational settings and that take equity
8 into consideration.

9 “(5) The Legislative and Policy Research Director may enter into a contract with a pri-
10 vate or public entity for the purpose of conducting the study required under this section.

11 “(6) The office shall produce a summary of the study conducted under this section to
12 enable state and local leaders to consider policy issues and to make policy decisions. The
13 office shall provide the summary to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly re-
14 lated to education no later than September 1, 2022.

15 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.

16 “SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
17 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
18 on its passage.”.

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