

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2025 BR NUMBER 1477

SENATE BILL NUMBER 181GA

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to school employee and volunteer misconduct.

**SPONSOR** Senator Lindsey Tichenor

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE  STATE  
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Learning and Results Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED Educational  
Professional Standards Board

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			Indeterminable
NET EFFECT			(Indeterminable)

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** The measure requires local boards of education to approve one or more traceable communications systems to be used between teachers or volunteers and students, and prohibits communications outside of those systems with limited exceptions.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The measure requires various parties who become aware of unauthorized communications between teachers or volunteers and students to report those to the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB), who must then review the complaint within 120 days. It is likely that the EPSB could review complaints with existing resources, however it is possible that the volume or complexity of reports could require additional resources to investigate. Therefore, there may be a negligible but indeterminable increase in state expenditures as a result of the measure, depending upon the volume of complaints the EPSB must review.

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