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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/28/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB160 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Antonio Maestas **Agency Name and Code Number:** New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority 34200
Short Title: STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION PLANS **Person Writing:** Dominique Williams
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0.00	0.00			

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						No fiscal impact

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB160 will require each school district and charter school to adopt and implement a policy for the use of wireless communication devices by students in public schools. Requiring the Public Education Department to provide policy guidelines and policy evaluations.

No later than August 1, 2025, each school district and charter school shall adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy. The Public Education Department shall issue guidelines outlining the minimum requirements for a wireless communication device policy. School districts and charter schools shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of their wireless communication device policies and report the findings to the Public Education Department. School districts and charter schools shall provide training for teachers, administrators, and staff on the effective implementation of the wireless communication device policy, and the policy shall be communicated to students, and parents upon implementation and on an ongoing basis at the beginning of each school year.

The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Section B 5

(5) provide protections for student privacy and confidentiality related to the permissible use of a wireless communication device at school;

Providing protections on a phone or private device would include sharing the device with school officials to have protection systems installed. This may require parental approval and/or cost to the owner of the device.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS