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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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A state institution of higher education that chooses to establish a policy allowing its trustees to attend board meetings via electronic communication, as permitted under the bill, may incur costs to purchase equipment, network connectivity services, or both. These costs will depend on the specifications of the policy adopted, including the electronic means by which a trustee may attend a meeting. However, any potential costs could be offset, at least partially, by decreased reimbursements to trustees for travel expenses if the institution currently provides such reimbursements. Under current law, universities are required to reimburse trustees for necessary expenses while engaged in official duties while community and technical colleges are permitted to do so.