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Highlights

- School districts may incur minimal administrative costs to review and modify contracts with technology providers, comply with various notification requirements, and revise policies and procedures.

Detailed Analysis

The bill generally governs the collection, use, and protection of education records by technology providers in an effort to protect student privacy, improve data security, and increase transparency with respect to the student education records to which a technology provider has access. Accordingly, most of the requirements of the bill fall on the technology providers contracted by a school district. However, the bill requires a school district to comply with certain requirements, listed below, that may minimally increase administrative costs. Under the bill, a school district must:

- Ensure that any contract with a technology provider includes appropriate safeguards for education data.
- Provide parents and students notice, by August 1 of each school year, of any curriculum, testing, or assessment technology provider contract affecting a student's education records. The notification must (1) identify technology providers with access to education records, (2) identify the affected education records, and (3) provide information about contract inspection as well as contact information for the school department to which questions may be addressed. Under similar legislation recently enacted in Minnesota, school districts in that state seem to be meeting this requirement by posting spreadsheets listing technology applications, their purpose, the data elements they collect, and links to terms of service and the technology provider's privacy policy.

- Adhere to prohibitions against electronically accessing or monitoring a student’s activity on a school-issued device except in certain circumstances and provide written notice to the student or parent within 72 hours of interacting with a device under the exceptions. This provision may require districts to review and update policies and procedures.