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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2017 clarifies the crime of bullying as to knowingly terrify, intimidate, threaten or harass a specific person or otherwise disturb by repeated, unwanted, or unsolicited electronic communications. Clarifies that these provisions do not apply to constitutionally protected speech or activity or to any other activity authorized by law. The measure clarifies the policy that each district board of education is to adopt to include a procedure for a student, school employee, school volunteer or parent or legal guardian to report acts of bullying. The measure provides immunity for those promptly reporting in good faith. The policy must also include a process for parental notification of bullying within 24 hours of notification of a bullying incident. If a student expresses suicidal thoughts or intentions or encourages another student to commit suicide, the parents or legal guardians of the student is to be notified immediately. The policy must include a statement prohibiting retaliation against a school employee who notifies the district board of education or the State Department of Education of noncompliance with the established bullying policy. The measure requires the district school board to hold public hearings prior to adoption or modification of the school bullying policy.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB2017 modifies the statutory provisions related to bullying. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.