

# Legislative Analysis

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES BETWEEN STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

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**House Bill 4791 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Adam F. Zemke**  
**Committee: Education**  
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### **SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4791 would amend the Revised School Code by adding a section requiring that schools adopt and implement a policy regulating social media interactions between students and school personnel, which must be posted on the school website. This requirement would apply to school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs) and public school academies (charter schools). In developing these policies, a board or board of directors would consult with school personnel and notify them in writing of the policy once it is adopted and posted.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4791 would have no impact on the State and a minimal, if any, impact on school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts. The bills could create additional administrative costs by requiring districts, public school academies, and intermediate districts to adopt and implement a policy regulating social media interactions between pupils and school personnel; however, these costs would likely be defrayed through redirection of existing staff time, especially since this will generally require a one-time use of staff time.

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