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Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

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Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

Subdivision 1 defines “evidence-based” programs or practices.

Subdivision 2:

- Paragraph (a) encourages school districts and charter schools to implement a local anonymous reporting system.
- Paragraph (b) allows a school to enter into a contract to develop and implement an anonymous reporting system.
- Paragraph (c) requires a provider of a local anonymous reporting system to establish a website that informs students about the system’s availability and provides guidance on how and when to use it, as well as a toll-free hotline for submitting anonymous tips.
- Paragraph (d) requires a district or charter school that establishes a local anonymous reporting system to form a school-based team at each site.
- Paragraph (e) allows nonpublic schools to implement a local anonymous reporting system without being subject to the requirements of subdivision 2.
- Paragraph (f) requires districts and charter schools to report specified information to MDE.

Subdivision 3 encourages districts and charter schools that do not implement a local anonymous reporting system to provide information to students, families, employees, and community members about the Department of Public Safety’s statewide anonymous threat reporting system and how to use it.

Subdivision 4:

- Paragraph (a) requires MDE, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, to make available by September 1, 2027, a list of third-party providers that offer anonymous reporting systems meeting the requirements of this section.
- Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner of education to submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 2029.

Subdivision 5:

- Paragraph (a) allows districts and charter schools to accept funds to support an anonymous reporting system.

Paragraph (b) requires MDE to use existing resources to meet the requirements of this section.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2026.

Assumptions

Technical note: The bill language requires MDE to report to the legislature a level of data that it would not have because LEAs are not required to submit this level of detail under subdivision 2, para (f). Therefore, it is assumed that the reporting system would require local education agencies (LEAs) to submit summary-level information rather than disaggregated data, and no fiscal impact to MDE is anticipated.

Existing staff have the capacity to absorb the work associated with implementation of this bill, including developing a list of third-party providers that offer anonymous reporting systems and completing the required legislative report under subdivision 4.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

If data reporting requirements become more detailed in the future, additional support from MNIT or the Data Analytics team may be necessary.

Local Fiscal Impact

LEAs that choose to implement a local anonymous threat reporting system may incur costs associated with developing or contracting for the system, as well as staff time needed to establish and support a school-based team of at least three employees at each site.

References/Sources

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Bill Description

The bill creates a new statutory section [Minn. Stat. 121A.036 Anonymous Reporting System] that encourages school districts and charter schools to implement a local anonymous threat reporting system. If the district or charter school adopts such a system, it must meet a series of requirements and have certain outlined capabilities such as 24-hour, anonymous reporting via a mobile app with a multi-lingual crisis center available, and an established, school-based team to follow-up or otherwise respond to the report or threat. A district or charter school may accept public or private funds to establish an anonymous reporting system, including state or federal funding that is available to increase school safety.

A district or charter school that chooses not to implement an anonymous threat reporting system is encouraged to provide students, families, employees, and community members information about the Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) statewide anonymous threat reporting system and how to use the system. Districts and charter schools are to disseminate information about DPS’s reporting system in the following ways:

- Posting of information on the district’s or school’s website
- Including of information in the district’s or school’s student handbook
- Notifying parents annually of the availability of the DPS system

By September 1, 2027, the Department of Education must, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, make available to all schools a list of third parties that provide anonymous reporting systems meeting the statutory requirements. The list must include third parties that offer free or low-cost reporting systems.

By January 15, 2029, and each year thereafter, the Commissioner of Education must submit a report to the Legislature giving various, specified information on the usage of local anonymous threat reporting systems.

Assumptions

There is no cost to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

DPS will assist districts and schools that do not implement an anonymous reporting system in publicizing the statewide anonymous threat reporting system operated by DPS.

As directed in the legislation, by September 1, 2027, DPS will assist the Department of Education in compiling a list of third parties that provide anonymous reporting systems that meet the statutory requirements, including third parties that provide free or low-cost systems.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

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