

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would ensure that patrons of a public school district or charter school have the ability to provide in-person public comment at regular meetings of school boards before the board takes final action on items. It promotes local control by requiring the school board to adopt their own rules of order and procedure, which will govern running board meetings and establish public comment standards – including reasonable time limits and conduct standards. It limits items for public comment to issues that appear on the agenda and prevents any privacy violations by prohibiting public comment on items that qualify for executive session such as personnel or student issues. Lastly, it provides patrons with the ability to request to appear on specific items using the board's established procedures.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not result in any change to the costs of state or local governments because it simply requires that school boards adopt their own rules of order and procedure and establish public comment standards.

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