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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/19/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HM2

Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sponsor: Joy Garratt

**Agency Name
and Code**

Number: ECECD 611

Short Title: Study Screen Use in Elementary Classrooms

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	N/A	

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0				

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HM2 requests that the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) conduct a study on the use of screen time for instruction and assessment in elementary school classrooms. The study must include the impacts on student learning, development and well-being. HM2 requires the Public Education Department (PED) to collaborate with families, educators, and administrators to establish guidelines for screen time use in elementary school classrooms. The PED must also ensure that any screen time use in elementary school classrooms is purposeful, evidence-based, equitable and supportive of healthy child development.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The American Academy of Pediatrics does not provide a definitive recommendation regarding screen time in elementary school classrooms. Rather than focusing on time, the Department of Education stresses the importance of **active** versus **passive** use of technology.

- **Active Use** involves critical thinking and includes activities such as coding, immersive simulations, media production, interaction with experts, making global connections, design, and peer collaboration.
- **Passive Use** includes activities such as filling out digital worksheets or consuming digital content without accompanying reflection, imagination, or participation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill is not enacted, elementary schools will continue with current instruction and assessment methods that include technology-based practices.

AMENDMENTS