

Date of Hearing: May 12, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Lorena Gonzalez, Chair

AB 1352 (Chau) – As Amended March 22, 2021

Policy Committee:	Privacy and Consumer Protection	Vote:	11 - 0
	Military and Veterans Affairs		11 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes the California Military Department (CMD) to perform an independent security assessment of a local educational agency (LEA) or school site at the request and expense of the educational agency.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No costs to the CMD, given that any security assessment would have to be funded by the school district that requests the cybersecurity assessment. CMD notes its Cybersecurity Defense Team has existing capacity to perform additional cyber assessments at school districts and local educational agencies, if requested.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose and Background.** According to the author: “As California’s schools become more reliant on computer systems, their need to effectively identify cybersecurity shortcomings will only heighten.”

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11549.3, the CMD coordinates with other state departments in maintaining an information security program. Through this program, it assists in conducting independent security assessments of state agencies, departments, and offices. This bill would allow a local education agency to engage the CMD to perform an independent security assessment of the agency, or an individual school site under the jurisdiction of the educational agency at the cost of the LEA. The department would share the assessments only with the LEAs at issue.

- 2) **Related Legislation.**

- a) AB 809 (Irwin) requires state agencies not under the direct authority of the Governor to adopt and implement certain information security and privacy policies, standards and procedures and conduct an independent security assessment (ISA) biannually. AB 809 is pending in this committee.
- b) AB 1323 (Chau) requires the Department of Technology (CDT) to identify, assess and prioritize legacy information technology (IT) system modernization efforts across state government. AB 1323 is pending in this committee.

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