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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

STUDENTS: Requests public school boards and the state Dept. of Education to review their policies and procedures regarding student data to ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each public school board and the state Department of Education to  
3 review their policies and procedures regarding the collection, storage, use, and  
4 disclosure of student data to ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights  
5 and Privacy Act.

6 WHEREAS, public elementary and secondary school systems collect information  
7 regarding students enrolled, including but not limited to their demographic information, and  
8 information about their academic performance, disciplinary history, and special needs; and

9 WHEREAS, in order to comply with state and federal law, public school boards  
10 report such information to the state Department of Education; and

11 WHEREAS, nearly all public school boards contract with third-party vendors to store  
12 such data in order to achieve efficiencies, to securely store and effectively manage large  
13 amounts of data, and to receive technical support; and

14 WHEREAS, recently, the state Department of Education has also considered  
15 contracting with a third-party vendor to store student data; and

16 WHEREAS, some parents have expressed concern over the security and use of  
17 student data by third-party vendors; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects the  
19 privacy of student education records and governs the use and disclosure of such records.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each public school board and the state  
3 Department of Education to review their policies and procedures regarding the collection,  
4 storage, use, and disclosure of student data to ensure compliance with the federal Family  
5 Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 president of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the president of the  
8 Louisiana School Boards Association, the state superintendent of education, and the  
9 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DIGEST

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