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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

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

A RESOLUTION

HR NO. 176 ENROLLED

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES