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Mr. Vice Chair and members of the Education Committee

The Education Committee has been dealing with the data privacy issue involving students for the last three years. The testimonies by data security experts who made us aware of the value of this data should cause us all to pause. They said that the student's data is more valuable than Department of Defense information and that became my motive for having this bill crafted.

Working with the Revisor's Office, we wanted to place restrictions on the storage of the data but also require the school districts to develop policies about the access to the data. Because of the value of the information each school collects, an emphasis must be placed on its security.

I have been approached by data security specialists other than the one I contacted telling me that the bill needs minor revisions to be complete; those are being written and will be available for working the bill.

With kind regards,

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