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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY,
9 TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; TO PROTECT
10 STUDENT DATA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA
14 ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND
15 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, is amended to add an
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:
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24 Subchapter 20 - Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability
25 Act.
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27 6-18-2001. Established.

28 There is established the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and
29 Accountability Act.
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31 6-18-2002. Legislative intent.

32 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that:

33 (1) Student data is safeguarded; and

34 (2) The wishes of students and the parents regarding students'
35 privacy are honored, respected, and protected.

36 (b) The General Assembly acknowledges that student data:



1 (1) Is a vital resource for parents, teachers, and school staff;

2 (2) Allows parents and students to make more informed choices
3 about educational programs and better gauge a student's educational progress
4 and needs;

5 (3) Is used by teachers and school staff in:

6 (A) Planning responsive educational programs and services
7 for students;

8 (B) Scheduling students into appropriate classes; and

9 (C) Completing reports for educational agencies;

10 (4) Is critical in helping educators assist students in
11 successfully graduating from high school and being prepared to enter the
12 workforce or postsecondary education; and

13 (5) In emergency situations, should be readily available to
14 school officials and emergency personnel to assist students and their
15 families.

16 (c) The General Assembly believes that while student information is
17 important for educational purposes, it is critically important to ensure that
18 student information is protected, safeguarded, kept private, and only used by
19 appropriate educational authorities to serve the best interests of the
20 student.

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22 6-18-2003. Definitions.

23 As used in this subchapter:

24 (1) "Aggregate data" means data that is not personally
25 identifiable and that is collected or reported at a group, cohort, or
26 institutional level;

27 (2) "Education record" means an education record as defined in
28 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g;

29 (3) "Eligible student" means a student who is eighteen (18)
30 years of age or older or is attending an institution of higher education;

31 (4) "Provisional student data" means new student data proposed
32 for inclusion in the state student data system;

33 (5) "Redacted data" means a student data set that has been
34 deidentified and that does not permit, alone or in combination with other
35 deidentified data, the information to be personally identified with an
36 individual student or student's family;

1 (6) "State-assigned student identifier" means the unique student
2 identifier assigned by the state to a student that does not include the
3 Social Security number of a student in whole or in part;

4 (7) "State data system" means the longitudinal data system
5 maintained by the Department of Education.

6 (8) "Student data" means data collected or reported at the
7 individual student level included in a student's educational record including
8 without limitation:

9 (A) State-administered assessment results, including
10 participation information;

11 (B) Courses taken, completed, credits earned, and other
12 transcript information;

13 (C) Course grades and grade point averages;

14 (D) Grade level and expected graduation date or year;

15 (E) Degree, diploma, credential attainment, or other
16 school exit information;

17 (F) Attendance and mobility information between and within
18 school districts;

19 (G) Date of birth, full name, gender, race, and ethnicity;
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21 (H) Program participation information required by state or
22 federal law; and

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24 6-18-2004. Chief Privacy Officer.

25 (a)(1) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a Chief Privacy
26 Officer.

27 (2) The officer shall assume the primary responsibility for data
28 privacy and security policy including without limitation:

29 (A) Assuring that the use of technologies strengthen
30 privacy protections related to the use, collection, and disclosure of student
31 data;

32 (B) Assuring that student data contained in the state data
33 system is handled in full compliance with this subchapter, the Family
34 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and other relevant state or
35 federal laws;

36 (C) Evaluating legislative and regulatory proposals

1 involving the collection, use, or disclosure of student data by the
2 Department of Education;

3 (D) Conducting a privacy impact assessment on a proposed
4 legislative proposal, agency regulation, or program initiative of the
5 department, including the type of personal information collected and the
6 number of students impacted;

7 (E) Coordinating with the department's legal staff to
8 ensure that programs, policies, and procedures involving civil rights, civil
9 liberties, and privacy considerations are addressed in an integrated and
10 comprehensive manner;

11 (F) Preparing an annual report to the General Assembly
12 regarding activities of the department that affect privacy, including
13 complaints of privacy violations, internal controls, and other matters;

14 (G) Establishing department policies necessary for
15 implementing Fair Information Practice Principles published by the Fair Trade
16 Commission, as appropriate, to enhance privacy protections;

17 (H) Working with other officials and stakeholders
18 concerning the quality, usefulness, openness, and privacy of data;

19 (I) Establishing and operating a department policy
20 addressing data breaches and other incidents to ensure that breaches and
21 incidents are reported, investigated, and mitigated, as appropriate;

22 (J) Establishing and operating a process for a parent to
23 file a complaint concerning a privacy violation or the inability to access
24 the education record of his or her child;

25 (K) Providing training, education, and outreach to build a
26 culture of privacy and transparency to the public among all state and local
27 governmental entities that collect, store, use, or share student data; and

28 (L) Developing policies and procedures for the state and
29 school district to adopts regarding third party access, collection, storage,
30 use, or sharing of student data.

31 (b) The officer may investigate issues of compliance with this
32 subchapter and with other state or federal laws concerning student data or
33 privacy by the department and local educational agencies and may:

34 (1) Have access to all records, reports, audits, reviews,
35 documents, papers, recommendations, and other materials available to the
36 department that relate to programs and operations with respect to the

1 responsibilities of the officer under this section; and

2 (2) Make investigations and reports related to the
3 administration of this subchapter as necessary.

4 (c) The officer shall report to and be under the supervision of the
5 commissioner.

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7 6-18-2005. Data inventory – Responsibilities.

8 The Department of Education shall:

9 (1) Create, publish, and make publically available a data
10 inventory and dictionary or index of data elements with definitions of each
11 student data field in the student data system including without limitation,
12 individual student data that:

13 (A) Is required to be reported by state or federal law,
14 regulation, or program;

15 (B) Is included or has been proposed to be included in the
16 student data system with a statement regarding the purpose or reason for the
17 proposed collection; and

18 (C) Is collected or maintained by the department with no
19 current identified purpose;

20 (2) Develop, publish, and make publicly available polices and
21 procedures for the student data system to comply with this subchapter or
22 other relevant state or federal laws or regulations including without
23 limitations policies and procedures that:

24 (A) Restrict or grant access to student data in the
25 student data system;

26 (B) Prohibit the use of data other than aggregate or
27 redacted data in public reports;

28 (C) Are consistent with applicable law, criteria for the
29 approval of research and data requests from state and local agencies, the
30 requirements of General Assembly, and research done on behalf of the
31 department and the public; and

32 (D) Ensure at least annual notifications to eligible
33 students and parents of students regarding student privacy rights;

34 (3) Unless otherwise provided by law or approved by the State
35 Board of Education, not transfer student data to a federal, state, or local
36 agency, or nongovernmental organization, except for disclosures incident to

1 the following actions:

2 (A) A student transfers to another public school or school
3 district or a school district seeks help with locating a transfer student;

4 (B) A student enrolls in an institution of higher
5 education or a postsecondary training program;

6 (C) A student registers for or takes a national or
7 multistate assessment and the data is required to administer the assessment;

8 (D) A student voluntarily participates in a program for
9 which the data transfer is a condition or requirement of participation;

10 (E) The department enters into a contract that governs
11 databases, assessments, special education, or instructional supports with a
12 contractor for the purpose of state level reporting;

13 (F) The federal government requires the transfer of
14 student data for a student classified as a "migrant" for related federal
15 program purposes; or

16 (G) A federal agency requires the data to perform an
17 audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation;

18 (4) Develop a detailed data security plan that includes;

19 (A) Guidelines for authorizing access to the student data
20 system and to individual student data, including guidelines for
21 authentication of authorized access;

22 (B) Privacy and security audits;

23 (C) Plans for responding to security breaches, including
24 notifications and related procedures;

25 (D) Data retention and disposition;

26 (E) Data security, including electronic, physical, and
27 administrative safeguards, such as data encryption and employee training;

28 (F) Standards concerning the minimum number of students or
29 information that may be included in a data set in order for the data to be
30 considered aggregated; and

31 (G) A process for continually updating the data security
32 plan, at minimum on an annual basis, in order to identify and address any
33 risks to the security of student data;

34 (5) Ensure routine and ongoing compliance by the department with
35 state and federal laws and regulations concerning student privacy, including
36 the performance of compliance audits;

1 (6) Review and approve policies and procedures developed by the
2 Chief Privacy Officer under this subchapter; and

3 (7) Annually notify the Governor and the General Assembly of the
4 following matters related to the student data system:

5 (A)(i) New student data proposed for inclusion in the
6 system.

7 (ii) Any new student data collection proposed by the
8 department or the state board is a provisional requirement until the school
9 districts have the opportunity to meet the new requirement.

10 (iii) The state board shall announce a proposed
11 provisional student data requirement to the public for review and comment at
12 least sixty (60) days before adoption;

13 (B) Changes to existing data collections required for any
14 reason, including changes to federal reporting requirements;

15 (C) A list of any exceptions granted by the state board in
16 the past year regarding the release or transfer of student data;

17 (D) The results of all privacy compliance and security
18 audits completed in the past year; and

19 (E) Information regarding a request for access to student
20 data by a student or parent, including the responsiveness of the department
21 to the request.

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23 6-18-2006. Student information and data collection – Reporting
24 restrictions.

25 (a) Unless required by state or federal law, or in the case of a
26 health or safety emergency, a school district shall not report to the state
27 the following individual student data or student information:

28 (1) Juvenile delinquency records;

29 (2) Criminal records;

30 (3) Medical or health records; or

31 (4) Student biometric information.

32 (b) Unless required by state or federal law, or in the case of a
33 health or safety emergency, a public school shall not collect the following
34 data on a student of the student's family:

35 (1) Political affiliation;

36 (2) Voting history;

1 (3) Income, except as required to apply for or administer a
2 program to assist a student from a low income family; or

3 (4) Religious affiliation or beliefs.

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5 6-18-2007. Contracts with third parties.

6 The Department of Education, through the Chief Privacy Officer, shall
7 ensure that a contract with a third party, including a private vendor or
8 other nongovernmental entity, and a state agency or local educational agency,
9 that involves the disclosure of student data or student-generated
10 information, includes a:

11 (1) Statement that the education records and student data
12 continue to be the property of and under the control of the state agency or
13 local educational agency;

14 (2) Description of the means by which a student or student's
15 parent may retain control of the student-generated content, if applicable,
16 including options for a student to transfer student-generated content to a
17 personal account;

18 (3) Prohibition against the third party using student data for
19 any purpose other than those required or permitted by the contract;

20 (4) Description of the actions the third party will take to
21 ensure the security and confidentiality of the student data;

22 (5) Description of the procedures for notifying the student or
23 the student's parent in the event of an unauthorized disclosure;

24 (6) Certification that the student data will not be retained or
25 available to the third party upon completion of the contract;

26 (7) Description of how the third party will ensure compliance
27 with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g;

28 (8) Prohibition against the third party using or permitting
29 others to use student data to engage in targeted advertising;

30 (9) Prohibition against the third party collecting any of the
31 information listed in § 6-18-2006(b); and

32 (10) Prohibition of any unilateral changes to the contract by
33 the third party.

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35 6-18-2008. Requests for information – Complaints.

36 (a)(1) An eligible student or the parent of a student may review the

1 student's education record maintained by a public school or school district.

2 (2) An eligible student or the parent of a student may request a
3 copy of student data that is included in the student's education record.

4 (b) A public school or school district shall provide an eligible
5 student or the parent of a student with an electronic copy of the student's
6 education record upon request.

7 (c) The Department of Education shall develop a policy for a school
8 district to:

9 (1) Annually notify an eligible student or the parent of a
10 student of the right to request student information;

11 (2) Ensure student information is kept secure when it is
12 provided;

13 (3) Ensure that student information is provided only to
14 authorized individuals;

15 (4) Produce student data and education record requests to
16 eligible students or the parent of a student within three (3) business days
17 of receiving the request; and

18 (5) Ensure that a public school or school district has a plan to
19 allow an eligible student or parent of a student to view online, download,
20 and transmit data specific to the student's educational record.

21 (d)(1) The Chief Privacy Officer shall develop a policy and procedure
22 for an eligible student or the parent of a student to file a complaint with
23 the state agency or local educational agency that has violated this act or
24 other state or federal laws or regulations with regard to privacy.

25 (2) In responding to a complaint, the officer may:

26 (A) Investigate the allegation;

27 (B) Dismiss the complaint if it fails to allege any
28 violation of this subchapter;

29 (C) Issue a written advisory opinion within thirty (30)
30 calendar days after the complaint is filed concerning whether or not a
31 violation occurred, which shall be available to the public except for those
32 portions of the opinion that could reveal the identity of the student; and

33 (D) Recommend to the Commissioner of Education or school
34 district administrators that a breach of contract complaint or other action
35 be taken against a third contractor, if applicable.

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1 6-18-2009. Providing student data to the Bureau of Legislative
2 Research.

3 Nothing in this subchapter prevents the Department of Education, a
4 school district, public school or local educational agency from providing
5 student data to the Bureau of Legislative Research.

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7 6-18-2010. Rules.

8 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to administer this
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11 /s/A. Clark

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