

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

MEASURE: HB 2715 A
CARRIER: Rep. Frederick

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/23/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/09, 03/16, 03/23

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits school district employee or volunteer from posting, publishing or making publicly available personally identifiable information in relation to results of performance-based assessment. Allows exception for posting of student-identifiable data if consent of student, or parent or guardian of student, is obtained. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of standardized testing, concerns with standardized testing
- Practice in some schools of posting “cut sheets,” “data walls,” or other similar postings, that contain student-specific information, such as the pass/failure of a test or other academic results
- Posting as promoting a culture of shame
- Need for an exemption to allow posting of laudatory results, such as a perfect S.A.T. score

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Allows exception for posting of student-identifiable data if consent of student, or parent or guardian of student, is obtained.

BACKGROUND:

“Personally identifiable information” refers to any data or information about students collected by schools, districts, government agencies, organizations, or companies working with schools that might reveal the identity of specific students or that could allow someone to indirectly track down the identity of students. Common forms of personally identifiable information include a student’s name, the names of parents or family members, a household address, a date or place of birth, social security numbers, student-identification numbers issued by schools or school systems, and digital files such as photographs, videos, or audio recordings, among other forms of information that may reveal a specific student’s identity. In Oregon, information security is generally governed by ORS 182.122,124, and also by compliance with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Information Security Policy 107-004-052. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is further responsible under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). ODE employs a Chief Information Security Officer to maintain a complete Information Security and Privacy Program.

House Bill 2715-A prohibits school district employees or volunteers from making publicly available any personally identifiable student data relating to performance-based assessments, with an exception permitted for posting this type of data if consent is obtained.