

Committee on Education

CS/CS/SB 188 — Education Data Privacy

by Judiciary Committee; Education Committee; and Senators Hukill, Negron, Bradley, Simpson, Flores, Brandes, Stargel and Montford

The bill implements changes proposed by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) in its report on *Student Data Privacy Recommendations*. Students and parents must be provided with annual notice of their educational privacy rights.

Agencies or institutions (i.e., K-12 schools and agencies that provide administrative control or services) are prohibited from collecting or retaining information regarding the political affiliation, voting history, religious affiliation, or biometric information of a student, parent, or sibling of a student. The bill creates a limited exemption to permit a school district that used a palm scanner on a certain date to continue to use the scanner for one additional school year.

The DOE must establish a process for assigning a non-social security number as a Florida student identification number. Once DOE completes the process, a school district may not use social security numbers as student identification numbers in its management information systems.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-1; House 113-1