

# Alaska State Legislature



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House District 26

## **Sponsor Summary for House Bill 257**

*"An Act relating to restrictions on the collection, storage, and handling of student data"*

As the educational system merges into the Digital Age it is important that we protect the privacy, security, and confidentiality of student data. Throughout Alaska, and our country as a whole, there has been growing public concern about the collection of personal data. House Bill 257 addresses these concerns and strengthens student digital privacy laws.

HB 257 will enhance data collection transparency to parents and guardians by requiring the State Board of Education to make publicly available an inventory and index of all data elements with definitions of individual student data fields currently in the statewide longitudinal data system. This legislation will also require the establishment of a data security plan, ensuring compliance with federal and state data privacy laws and policies. In addition, HB 257 will prevent the use of student data for commercial purposes without the informed specific consent of a guardian.

I urge your support in this effort to protect Alaska's students from digital privacy gaps.