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MEMORANDUM

January 27, 2011

SUBJECT:

Sectional Summary (SB 8; Work Order No. 27-LS0084\A)

TO:

Senator Bettye Davis

Chair of the Senate Education Committee

Attn: Thomas Obermeyer

FROM:

Jean M. Mischel

Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

<u>Section 1.</u> Adds an exception for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to the written permission requirement for student surveys.

<u>Section 2.</u> Provides detailed written notice requirements for all student surveys, including YRBS.

<u>Section 3.</u> Adds specific questions and process for a student and parent to refuse to participate in a student survey by submitting a written denial of permission.

<u>Section 4.</u> Provides an exception to written permission for YRBS and a minimum two week notice provision that is consistent with the requirements in sec. 2.

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