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MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Sectional summary (CSHB 85(); Work Order No. 29-LS0301\F)

TO: Representative Lora Reinbold

FROM: Kate S. Glover 
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.

Section 1. Requires the Department of Education and Early Development (the department) to provide an annual data security report to the legislature.

Section 2. Allows school districts to provide either written or electronic copies of student records to parents, foster parents, or guardians.

Section 3. Prohibits the use of student data containing personally identifiable information, or data pertaining to parents, teachers, or staff, for commercial purposes. This section also prohibits the release of student data to consortiums or interstate educational organizations without prior consent, and prohibits schools, school districts, and the department from requesting students' social media passwords.

Section 4. Adds requirements for school districts related to data security.

Section 5. Defines "student data."

Section 6. Requires the department to adopt procedures allowing parents to opt their children out of statewide student assessments.

Section 7. Requires the State Board of Education and Early Development to adopt policies and procedures related to data privacy.

Section 8. Repeals AS 14.03.075(a), (b), (c), (e)(1), and AS 14.03.078(a), which relate to college and career readiness assessments and to annual reports by the department.

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If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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