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BILL: House Bill 568
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House Bill 568 requires the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology and county boards of education, to develop and update certain best practices for certain county boards on data governance policies and procedures and for certain professional development; requiring the State Department of Education to develop certain strategies to coordinate and assist certain data governance staff to implement certain practices; etc.

PSSAM appreciates the intent of this legislation, but we must **oppose** House Bill 568 as an unfunded mandate.

Local superintendents have concerns that the reporting that must take place to satisfy the requirements of House Bill 569 will be difficult, time consuming and expensive. We believe that it will be costly for local school systems to hire additional consultants/contractual services that will be needed to ensure data systems meet the necessary data governance regulations, modify existing systems, purchase software (supplies), and increase software maintenance.

For the reasons stated above, PSSAM **opposes** House Bill 568 as an unfunded mandate. However, PSSAM would welcome the opportunity to work with the sponsors of this legislation to resolve any issues this bill is trying to resolve.