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House Bill 245 establishes the Student Data Privacy Council to study the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015 and review similar laws and best practices in other states and appropriate technologies; requiring the Council to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2020, regarding potential statutory and regulatory changes to the Student Data Privacy Act; terminating the Act after May 21, 2021; etc.

PSSAM **supports** House Bill 245.

The digital revolution is changing the way students learn. Understanding how to interact with the digital tools, networks and social media platforms is critical to students. Schools, libraries, museums and community centers are upgrading technology so young people can access digital tools throughout the day, creating new opportunities to learn any time, any place and at any pace.

As networked learning environments are increasing, there is a growing need to assure students, parents, educators and policymakers that information about individual students and their learning is collected, used and stored properly. As local superintendents, we recognize the value of data to provide critical information about individual student and educator performance, as well as information about what is working, what might be improved, and what information is needed to empower parents, educators and others to help our students succeed. We also recognize that there are numerous issues related to student data privacy ranging from collection, to use, to storage, to the deletion of student data.

House Bill 245 will establish the Student Data Privacy Council to study the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015. Among other charges, the Council will review and analyze other local, state, and national student data practices and issues. The Council's report and recommendations are due by December 31, 2020. PSSAM appreciates the intent of this legislation and looks forward to participating on the Council and the findings of the final report.

For the reasons listed above, PSSAM supports House Bill 245 and asks for a favorable committee report.