HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

Overview

The federal No Child Left Behind Act, among many other provisions, protects students' privacy in areas not already addressed under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The language proposed in H.F. 906 parallels requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act related to the content of student surveys and the rights of students and parents with respect to those surveys.

Section

1   **Notice requirements for student surveys and similar instruments.** (a) Requires school districts to obtain prior written informed consent from a student's parent before administering a student survey, assessment, analysis, evaluation or similar instrument that reveals any of the following information about the student or the student's family: political affiliations or beliefs; mental or psychological problems; sexual behavior or attitudes; illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of another individual with whom a student has a close family relationship; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs; or income-related information.

    (b) Requires a school district, when seeking a parent's consent, to make a copy of the instrument readily available to the parent and to identify the information listed in paragraph (a) that the instrument reveals.

    (c) Makes civil remedies available to a parent seeking to compel a school district to comply with this section.

Section

Makes this section effective immediately.