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House Bill 430 establishes the Student Data Privacy Council; provides for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibits a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizes the reimbursement of specified expenses; requires the Council to study and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015; requires the Council to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

PSSAM **supports** House Bill 430. We acknowledge the complex legal ramifications surrounding the issue of online education services. As a result of last year's legislative session, House Bill 298, the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015, was enacted into law. The Student Data Privacy Act addresses the issues involving student use of online information and educational tools. The Act provides for security to prevent unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure of information gathered based on students' computer usage.

As defined in House Bill 430, the Student Data Privacy Council will study and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act and report its finding to the Governor and the General Assembly. PSSAM welcomes the opportunity to be a member of the Council and to participate in the process, which will result in the final report being delivered on or before December 31, 2017.

As stated above, PSSAM **SUPPORTS** House Bill 430 and requests a **favorable** committee report.