OLR Bill Analysis SB 1520

AN ACT CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION RECORDS.

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that the Freedom of Information Act's disclosure exemption for records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to education, rather than "educational," records exempt from FERPA, which conforms with terminology used in FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(4)). It also specifies that the exemption applies to FERPA as it existed on January 3, 2012.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 6882 (File 81), reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, has a substantially similar provision (it does not specify the applicable FERPA revision date).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/26/2025)