

For Public Testimony on HB 6891, 3/16/15      Susan Israel

Members of the Public Health Committee:

It is not clear why a school superintendent needs blanket access to birth records without parental consent or knowledge. Perhaps the superintendent could petition a designated State agency for permission to access a birth certificate if it is crucial that it be done.

Where would the superintendent record the information seen and how would its privacy be maintained?

This seems to be an invasion of student and family privacy, and perhaps the child is not yet even aware of some of the information in their birth certificate that the school does not need to know either.

Thank you very much for this consideration.