

Southington Community YMCA Testimony
Education Committee
Public Hearing 3/19/2015
Bill 7017 An Act Concerning Student Data and Privacy

My name is Mary Burnham. I am a retired educator.

Although this bill does not include some of the privacy issues that I am concerned about, I would like to commend the Education Committee for proposing this bill – it is a good start.

However, **I am deeply troubled by P20-WIN which is not addressed in this legislation.**

This bill does not address the privacy concerns of P20-WIN. Although, I do not think any government should be following and collecting data on people from preschool through age 20 - at the very least, every parent and/or person over the age of 18 should be told what P20-WIN is and asked if they want to participate in P20-WIN. They should be given a form stating all the data collected and the form should state that the parent or adult over 18 gives permission to participate in P20-WIN.

I am hopeful that this legislation will address the lack of transparency in regards to data collection of students and family personal individual information (PII).

Parents should be informed as to what data is being collected on their children; where that data is being stored; who has access to that data; and they should be given the option of not allowing ANY data to be collected.

Thank you

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