

Members of the Public Health Committee

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I would like to thank you for this opportunity to raise privacy concerns about the intentions or meaning of the provisions of SB 299.

The bill says that the school based health center “(B) is organized through school, community and health provider relationships;” Does that mean that the nurse or other school administrators will have access to the entire medical record of the child or adolescent? Or to what part of it, will they have access?

How much access will the school have to the behavioral health and counseling data which will also contain intimate family information?

I hope the intention is to fully protect the privacy of the medical information, not just try to maintain its confidentiality. These students are not in a position to give consent or to control who sees such sensitive information that could affect their futures without their even knowing what is happening to them now.