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# STUDENT PRIVACY ACT

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## Why It Matters

The Student Privacy Act would serve as a vital protection against invasions of privacy, particularly important given the power schools and school officials hold over students.

## Legislative Privacy History

Two years ago, West Virginia took the first steps in addressing digital privacy by passing, with overwhelming support, the Internet Privacy Protection Act. That bill prevented employers from forcing employees or job candidates from turning over access to personal devices or social media. This year, we want to ensure our students have the same protection.

## Provisions

The Student Privacy Act recognizes the roles schools play in supervising and instructing students in appropriate behavior. So it also makes appropriate exceptions to allow for information that is publicly available, and when appropriate, for school officials to request access to the account or device without compelling the student to turnover login information.

## PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA STUDENTS



The rise in mobile devices, smartphones, and the internet has led to fantastic opportunities to share information and interact with our world. But it has also led to significant threats to privacy. The Student Privacy Act guarantees that West Virginia students are protected from digital privacy violations from schools and their administrators.