

## **HB2302 Proponent Written Only Testimony**

Data Collecting on Students K-12

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Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am a concerned parent of five children, who are all enrolled in the Public School System. I have read over the CTC survey that our children are asked to take starting in 6th grade. This survey is nothing short of Interrogation without representation. This survey asks not only invasive family questions but also asks the child to answer telling questions about their friends. The questions in this CTC survey, I know, would give my child anxiety and leave him/her wondering if all students carried handguns, smoked marijuana, consumed alcohol, took steroids and smoked cigarettes. I can say after reading over all the questions, that this survey is more suited for the booking of an inmate rather than a school child.

As parents it is our absolute right to have copies of these surveys, questionnaires, and examinations followed with our written permission. I opted my children out of all questionnaires when I enrolled them for school . This system does not work! My son has “accidentally” taken the CTC survey twice because the school forgot that I had opted him out. Having parents' written permission would take care to ensure teachers are informed as well. I would like to add that it should also be brought to parents' attention that these surveys although reported as “only aggregated data” are done on your child's iPad with all their personal identifying information. I am a taxpayer that has paid for the education of my children. I am continually frustrated by the seeking of Grant funds for surveys, questionnaires and examinations that wind their way into my child's day of education. Parents just want schools with strong curriculums that educate.

Thank you Chairman and Committee for your time on this issue, please pass HB 2302 and restore parents as the first authority to their children.