

Senate State and Local Government SB2308

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Chair Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee. My name is Wayde Sick, and I serve as the State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of the SB2308.

NDCTE is in favor of proposed amendments to SB2308, in reference to authority over the State Longitudinal Data System. The amendments I am referencing would strike language in Section 3 of the bill that provides the Superintendent of Public Instruction authority over the SLDS. The other amendment NDCTE is in support of is in Section 17, that would place the authority of the SLDS under the State's Information Technology Department (NDIT).

Since NDIT is well versed in the policies that have directed the SLDS Committee since its creation, it is best positioned to provide oversite of the SLDS. I am confident NDIT will follow the policies and processes that have been established.

I ask that SB2308 is amended to best support the SLDS and the Agencies that utilize it and give it a Do Pass recommendation.

This concludes my testimony.