

Support HB256, Rep. Will Guzzardi



Student teachers in Illinois must videotape themselves and their students to pass the edTPA, an assessment required for their teaching license. Video is uploaded and sent to Pearson, Inc. for evaluation

- Student teachers are pressured to record hours of footage so they can select two short, unedited segments to submit.
- Images of children can easily be viewed by unauthorized people. Recording devices can be lost or stolen. Video is often uploaded to the internet and cloud based platforms such as YouTube
- Images and the privacy of thousands of children, including elementary and special education students, are vulnerable to multiple cyber security threats--including facial recognition software and location tracking--on the video they submit to Pearson, as well as the hours of video they do not.
- Student teachers could be held liable for exposing student images to these privacy threats; they also have no choice but to record their own images

It doesn't have to be this way:

- Illinois is one of only 12 states that require the edTPA for licensure. 32 states (including Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri) and the District of Columbia do not. 6 states use the edTPA as part of their assessment process but not for licensure. Other evidence based assessments exist that don't threaten student privacy by requiring videotaping. ISBE must find another evidence based licensure assessment that doesn't pose this threat

HB256 protects student privacy:

- The bill states that student teachers **shall not be required to videotape themselves or their students in order to earn a license**. Teacher education programs may still videotape for in-house teaching purposes. Licensed teachers or administrators may still videotape students in order to gain National Board Certification or for any such purposes as training, sporting events, or promotional materials.

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