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Bill to Protect Students' Online Privacy Clears House

SB 187 would prevent tech companies from collecting students' personal information when using educational technology

Oregon families will have better assurances that their kids' privacy will be protected while using educational technology apps under a bill that passed the House today 53-4.

[Senate Bill 187](#) will prevent technology companies from collecting and using students' personal information.

"I am a strong supporter of this bill, because it is a reform that will protect our students' privacy and information," says Rep. Margaret Doherty (D-Tigard), who carried the bill on the floor. "Kids should have confidence when they put information into a school computer that it won't be sold to big corporations."

The privacy bill had the strong support of educators and advocates for students and schools.

Violations of the bill will be a violation of the Unlawful Trade Practices Act, enforceable by the Attorney General. Oregon's Attorney General, Ellen Rosenblum, introduced SB 187, also known as Oregon Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (OSIPA).

"As someone who taught for 42 years, I am familiar with the positive role technology can play in the classroom," says Rep. Susan McLain (D-Hillsboro). "I also believe we need to take the protection of our children's data very seriously, and am concerned about the future of some of these applications as the education technology industry continues to grow and change. Because of this, I strongly supported Senate Bill 187 in committee, and I supported it on the House floor today."

Senate Bill 187 passed the Senate in April and will now go to Governor Brown for her signature.

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