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Rep. Murphy Appointed to Legislative Council Study Committee on School Data

(Madison)...Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) was chosen this week as a member of the bipartisan Legislative Council Study Committee on School Data, which will be chaired by Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt.

“Student information security is a top issue for me,” Murphy said. “I look forward to working with the members of this committee to learn more about how we can protect K-12 student privacy now and in the future, as technology further evolves.”

According to the Legislative Council website: The committee will study whether the data is required by federal law, state statute, or administrative rule and the purposes for which the data is utilized, and consider developing legislation to limit the types of student data collected by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and to improve the security of that data.

“Over the next several months, this committee will review all student data collected by DPI, and examine what data security measures are in place to protect student privacy,” Murphy explained. “We will learn a great deal about our current data systems and make recommendations on how this information is handled in the years ahead.”

Study committees are created every other year to research timely issues and make recommendations for the upcoming legislative session. They are bipartisan and include both legislators and members of the public.

The 15-member committee will begin meeting in July and will finish its work before the end of the year. For more information on this committee, please visit the website:

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/study/2016/1497>

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