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**Date:** February 26, 2025  
**Bill Number/Title:** HB 588 - Primary and Secondary Education – Definition and Notification of Reportable Offense – Alterations  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**DJS Position:** Opposes

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) opposes HB 588, which would require the DJS to notify a local superintendent or school principal of a student's arrest for certain offenses. The bill also mandates that the Department provide specific educational programming information to the student. Overall, this legislation concerns juveniles and reportable offenses.

HB 588 is repetitive and unnecessary, as existing protocols already govern appropriate information sharing between DJS and local education agencies. Additionally, the broad information-sharing requirements outlined in the bill raise concerns about student privacy and may create unintended barriers to successful reintegration into school communities. DJS believes that a more narrowly tailored approach would better balance the need for information sharing with the importance of protecting youth confidentiality and supporting their educational success.

For these reasons, DJS requests an unfavorable report on HB 588.

