

Written Testimony for **HB 319**: County Boards of Education - Members -
Publication of Contact Information: Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

This bill reads: "...Requiring the county school system of each county in the State to publish an e-mail address, a mailing address, and a certain phone number prominently on its website contact information for nonstudent members of the county board of education..."

Are we giving out personal contact information for our County Board Members? The bill indicates that "...A DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT IS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM..." is to be provided. But what about the email address and mailing address? "...EACH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BOARD, AS FOLLOWS: FOR NONSTUDENT MEMBERS: AN E-MAIL ADDRESS; A MAILING ADDRESS..." As you can tell, the bill is **not clear** for the email address and the mailing address. I would be ok with this bill if it specifically said "...an email address and a mailing address that is provided by the county school system...", just like it says for the direct telephone number. Since the bill does NOT specifically state that the email address and mailing address are to be provided by the County school system, I am not comfortable with this bill.

And that is why I am urging you to **VOTE NO** on this bill (as it is worded).

Thank you.

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