

I am asking for your "no" vote for SB 218 (HB 288) for the following reasons.

1. The State Superintendent of Schools is not publicly elected but is an appointed bureaucrat and is not directly accountable to the people.
2. The authority invested in this bureaucrat would bypass community decisions and local school boards.
3. It is not clear what would constitute an emergency or how school officials would exercise emergency powers.
4. It is already required of each county school board to have a "virtual education plan" for any "prolonged state of emergency."

This bill is unnecessary because a legal framework already exists to address any school related "prolonged state of emergency."

Please vote unfavorable for SB 218 (HB 288).

Thank you,
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