Student Info Privacy, Grant Reporting

THE GOAL
- This bill balances student data privacy by maintaining parental consent for data collection and allowing analysis of education outcomes and accountability.

- HB563 continues current law data sharing exclusively with the Department of Education, public postsecondary institutions, and the Board of Regents/LOSFA.

- The bill allows for data sharing to meet federal and state grant reporting requirements allowing for an evaluation of the program impact and student outcomes.

THE CHALLENGE
- LCTCS must meet federal reporting requirements to maintain over $21M of federal Perkins Grant funding used across K-12 and public postsecondary institutions.

- At present 40 agencies in 34 states can access longitudinal K-12, postsecondary and workforce data elements (Strong Foundations, 2020).

THE OPPORTUNITY
- The need for “cradle to career” data to measure the effectiveness of a state’s educational programs cannot be overstated.

- Data sharing, with parental consent, will provide accountability, enabling program improved as we focus on talent development in Louisiana.