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Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee

Catch Title: Student ownership and privacy rights.

Subject: Ownership and privacy rights of students at the University of Wyoming and the community colleges in the state.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act applies to students currently enrolled full time or part time at the University of Wyoming or any community college in the state.
- The act specifies that no ownership rights to any electronic writing or other electronic communication created by a student shall be conveyed, transferred or otherwise affected solely as a result of the writing or other communication being stored on an electronic device paid for in whole or in part by the University or a community college or transmitted or stored on the University's or a community college's network.
- The act provides that students shall have an expectation of privacy in the electronic writings and other electronic communications created by the student regardless of whether the writing or other communication is stored on an electronic device paid for in whole or in part by the University or a community college or transmitted or stored on the University's or a community college's network. This expectation of privacy does not apply to writings or other communications:
 - Publicly disclosed by the student in a manner indicating no reasonable expectation of privacy; or
 - Accessed for technological support and maintenance.
- The act cannot be construed to:
 - Impose or require the University or a community college to accept, or prohibit from accepting, liability or responsibility for collecting, maintaining, storing or otherwise recording writings and other communications created by a student; or
 - Require or prohibit the University or a community college from establishing standards on the retention and destruction of student writings and other communications.

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