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SB 431, relative to non-academic surveys required to be filed by school districts to maintain federal funding.

SB 431

Education: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill dramatically erodes parental influence in a child's participation in non-academic surveys.

YEA ITL

- Prior to SB 43, which passed in Feb. 2017, schools would routinely require students to complete non-academic surveys and questionnaires to assess their attitudes, values, decision making, and behaviors without the consent of parents — this bill undermines the important parental rights protected by current law.
- Parents should be fully informed on non-academic surveys being given to their children and should have the ability to have their children not participate. This bill undermines that ability by eliminating the existing opt-out provision for any "locally approved grants, initiatives, or contracts" which is such a broad exclusion that it seeks to eliminate the participation of the parent in the non-academic aspects of their children's lives.
- This bill would decrease the classroom time spent on academic material by increasing the number of non-academic surveys the students need to complete.