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SNU- 502 “Safe Schools for All Students”

House Bill No. SNU-502 also referred to as the Safe Schools for All Students Act of 2025 was put forth in an effort to set a precedent on what will be tolerated within Oklahoma public schools in regards to the new immigration initiative being performed by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency often referred to by the acronym ICE. This bill provides a guideline that will ensure any student attending a public school within the State of Oklahoma, will be afforded certain rights regardless of immigration status. In reviewing House Bill No. SNU-502, I found it to be a well written, thoughtful piece of legislature that provides many benefits to both the school districts as well as the students. By reducing fear in students and increasing safety within the school, it allows for a clear, consistent guideline to adhere to. It also provides the student with a sense of privacy while helping the districts to adhere to federal privacy laws. With the training mandates, concise policies, and notification requirements, it gives each district a clear view of their responsibilities. It also sets a standard by allowing transparency for parents and immunity for school employees, providing a sense of security.

The main advantage of this bill is the stability it sets forth. Administration and educators can focus on being a safe place for all students to learn in a comfortable environment by giving the administration the ability to remove anyone they deem to be disruptive to the students and staff. With all the beneficial aspects of House Bill No. SNU-502, the bill presented has some flaws. Those being potential conflicts between state and federal agencies. The outlined penalties

may be difficult to enforce, and the bill as proposed would be a significant burden to enforce Oklahoma School Districts, especially in small or rural areas. With that said, I feel that by passing said legislation, we can provide a safe environment for all students within our schools. In a time of political uncertainty, we can establish guidelines and protocols that not only protect Oklahoma educators and students by establishing a safe zone within our school systems to foster learning and acceptance of all.