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I am Katie Rhyne, a Director for the Hillsboro School Board, and am providing personal testimony in support of HB 4154 with the -2 Amendment. In short, chronic absenteeism negatively affects students at every grade level in K-12 education. Regular school attendance is directly correlated with long-term academic success and higher graduation rates. Utilizing student attendance rate data to guide actions and decisions during the school year that prioritize regular school attendance will improve student education outcomes statewide. HB 4154 provides an opportunity to collect, analyze, and publicize student attendance data in a meaningful way without creating additional reporting or financial burdens on the individual school districts. I appreciate the time and effort that has gone into crafting the language of this bill to ensure that school districts have the time and resources they need to produce accurate and helpful reporting.