Today, I signed into law House Bill 1230. House Bill 1230 would require the Department of Education to publicly report on its website information related to the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Program, which serves students with special needs, adopted children, and children in foster care. HB 1230 is intended to increase transparency, but may lead to the unintentional release of confidential student information in violation of state and federal law.

To ensure clarity in the implementation of House Bill 1230 and to provide guidance for the Department of Education, I declare that it is my intent that no confidential student information be released through compliance with and implementation of HB 1230. Additionally, under no circumstance shall information be released that would allow public identification of individual children attending specific schools.

THEREFORE, I HEREBY STRONGLY RECOMMEND the Oklahoma State Board of Education implement this Bill consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Oklahoma Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act of 2013, and with my statement herein.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and members of the State Board of Education, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 24th day of February, 2020.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

[Signature]

J. KEVIN STITT

ATTEST:

MICHAELE ROGERS SECRETARY OF STATE