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## **SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL DATA OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN THE DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT USING THE EXAMPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

### **Защита персональных данных студентов и преподавателей в цифровой образовательной среде на примере Республики Беларусь**

The purpose of this study is to analyse legal and organizational mechanisms for personal data protection in the educational environment of the Republic of Belarus, assess their effectiveness in practice and identify possible problem areas in the context of active digitalisation of education.

Digital technologies have changed the way we study and teach. Today, students and teachers use online platforms, electronic journals, and video lessons every day. These tools make education more flexible and accessible. However, they also create new risks. Personal data: names, grades, and health information can be stolen or misused. That is why it is very important to protect this data. In Belarus, schools and universities must follow special laws to keep personal information safe and respect the rights of students and teachers.

The Law of the Republic of Belarus from May 7, 2021, No. 99-Z «On Personal Data Protection» is the main law that controls how personal data is protected. According to Article 4, personal data can only be used if the person agrees, unless the law says otherwise. Special types of personal data: health details, biometric data, and information about someone's marital status – are protected even more strictly.

In Belarus, the National Center for Personal Data Protection (NCPD) is responsible for protecting personal data. NCPD checks if the laws are followed, carries out inspections, and gives clear explanations and ready-made solutions for different areas,

including education. Its work is based on the Personal Data Protection Law No. 99-Z from May 7, 2021. This law explains what kind of data can be collected, how it should be used, and who is responsible if the rules are broken. The center's website often shares solutions for schools and universities to help them manage student and teacher data correctly.

In 2024, the National Center for Personal Data Protection (NCPD) shared a new explanation that caused a strong public reaction. It said that schools are not allowed to collect information about vaccinations, family details, parents' income, and other sensitive data unless the law allows it or the person gives clear permission. Some news articles said this kind of data is not needed and could break the rights of students and their parents. Schools must only collect the information that is necessary for teaching and is written in official rules.

When students apply to universities in Belarus, they must give a lot of personal information, like passport details and medical documents. This is needed to sign the study contract, organize classes, and follow the law. Every university must publish a policy on its website that explains how personal data is used. The policy should say why the data is collected, how long it will be stored, and the legal reasons for using it. Besides personal data, universities also collect technical information from their websites, like IP addresses and cookies. For this, users must be clearly informed and give their permission.

Protecting personal data is not only a legal rule it also shows respect for people. Students and teachers should feel safe when they use digital tools. Schools and universities should lead by example and manage personal information in a fair and responsible way.

Belarus demonstrates a serious approach to the protection of personal data in education. Violations are not ignored, and legislation is constantly being improved. In the context of digital transformation, educational institutions are obliged not only to teach, but also to protect – creating a safe, legitimate and trusting environment for all participants in the process.

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## **CRYPTOCURRENCY REGULATION IN THE MODERN WORLD: RISKS AND RESEARCH APPROACHES**

### **Регулирование криптовалют в современном мире: риски и исследовательские подходы**

The purpose of the study is to analyze the current challenges of cryptocurrency regulation and to identify research-based approaches that allow governments and institutions to manage risks while preserving technological innovation. The relevance of