

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, MCKNIGHT, AND PIERRE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(M) and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(M), relative to student  
3 information; to provide for the continued effectiveness of provisions that require  
4 school governing authorities to share certain student information with the  
5 Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating the  
6 administration of the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program and that provide  
7 exceptions; to authorize the sharing of additional information; to provide for the  
8 sharing of such information for the additional purpose of facilitating the  
9 administration of the summer electronic benefits transfer program; and to provide for  
10 related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(M) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions;  
14 parental access; penalties

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16 M.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as  
17 provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the governing authority of each public  
18 or nonpublic school or other entity that participates in a meal program through which  
19 students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program or summer  
20 electronic benefits transfer program shall share student information with the  
21 Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating program  
22 administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to  
23 eligible families. Such information shall be limited to the first name, middle name,

1 last name, address, school site code, student unique identifier, and date of birth of  
2 each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school.

3 (2) Such a governing authority shall not share a student's information if his  
4 parent or legal guardian has chosen not to share information pursuant to the policy  
5 of the governing authority.

6 Section 2. R.S. 17:3914(M) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

7 Section 3.(A) Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective upon  
8 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of  
9 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
10 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and  
11 subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become  
12 effective on the day following such approval.

13 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2022.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_