AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3914(N), relative to personally identifiable information of public school students; to require the disclosure of social security numbers of certain students; to provide for the sharing of information with the Louisiana Workforce Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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N.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, each public secondary school governing authority shall do the following:

(a) For the sole purpose of evaluating state and federal programs that prepare students for postsecondary education, workforce training, and employment, collect the social security number of each student who is pursuing a diploma, not later than the beginning of the student's senior year, subject to the permission of the student's parent or legal guardian or the permission of the student if he has reached the age of majority.

(b) Disclose the social security number to the company with which the state has contracted to develop unique student identifiers and the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
(c) At the beginning of each school year, provide a form for granting permission as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. The form shall include a statement that the purpose of the disclosure of the student's information is to evaluate and improve state and federal programs that prepare high school students for postsecondary education, workforce training, and employment; that other personally identifiable information will not be disclosed; and that the consent may be revoked at any time by a parent or legal guardian of a minor or by a student who has reached the age of majority.

(2) The company with which the state has contracted to develop the unique student identifier shall assign an identifier for each student who successfully completes high school from the lists provided by public school governing authorities and provide a list of unique identifiers and corresponding social security numbers to the commission for the purpose of matching the information, until the individual reaches the age of twenty-six, wage data, North American Industry Classification System data through the third digit, and Standard Occupational Classification System data.

(3) For the express purpose of state and federal program evaluation, the commission shall remove any and all social security numbers from the data and provide to the state Department of Education and the Industry-Based Certification Committee a list of high school graduates for whom the wage and employment data specified in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection are available.

(4) Any exchange of student information pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 CFR Part 603 regarding the confidentiality of unemployment compensation information, and the provisions of R.S. 23:1660.

(5) Any agreement providing for the exchange of information pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall provide for the payment of any costs of disclosure of wage and employment data specified in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.
(6) Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to maintain the confidentiality of personally identifiable information of students is subject to the penalties provided for in Subsection G of this Section and the provisions of R.S. 23:1660.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ______________________

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