
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the sharing of limited student information for the purpose of administering the federal pandemic electronic benefits transfer program and summer electronic benefits transfer program.

Present law prohibits any employee of a public school system from providing a student's personally identifiable information to any person or public or private entity. Provides exceptions to this prohibition and authorizes sharing student information under certain circumstances. Present law also provides the following:

- (1) Requires each public or nonpublic school or other entity that participates in a meal program through which students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program to share student information with the Dept. of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to eligible families. Limits such information to first and last name, address, and date of birth of each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school.
- (2) Excepts any student whose parent has chosen not to share information pursuant to the policy of the governing authority of the school or other entity.

The effectiveness of the present law provisions enumerated in (1) and (2) above terminates on June 10, 2021. Proposed law provides for the continued effectiveness of such present law and adds that such information shall also be shared for purposes of administering the summer electronic benefits transfer program, subject to the same limitations and exceptions.

Effective June 10, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(M))