

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 96

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Freeman

STUDENTS: Provides relative to sharing of student information for the purpose of administering the pandemic electronic benefits transfer (P-EBT) program (Item #28)

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specify that reporting requirement applies to public schools.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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. Proposed law requires, if requested by a student's parent or legal guardian, each public school or other entity that participates in a meal program through which students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer (known as P-EBT) program to input such student's information into the secure student information system administered by the state Dept. of Education (DOE) for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to the student's family. Requires DOE to securely transmit the information to the Dept. of Children and Family Services and prohibits any DOE employee or official from accessing the information provided pursuant to proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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