
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the sharing of students' personally identifiable information by public school governing authorities.

Present law prohibits an official or employee of a local public school system from requiring the collection of certain student information unless voluntarily disclosed by the parent or legal guardian. Further prohibits any employee of a public school system from providing a student's personally identifiable information to any person or public or private entity.

Present law defines personally identifiable information as information about an individual that can be used, on its own or with other information, to identify, contact, or locate a single individual.

Present law includes exceptions to the prohibitions. One exception is present law authorizes public school governing authorities, with parental permission, to collect certain personally identifiable information for students in grades eight through 12. Authorizes the sharing of such information with La. postsecondary education institutions, the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the Bd. of Regents for specific purposes. The following personally identifiable information may be collected and shared in accordance with present law:

- (1) Full name.
- (2) Date of birth.
- (3) Social security number.
- (4) Student transcript data.

Proposed law modifies present law as follows:

- (1) Removes the requirement for parental permission to collect this information.
- (2) Replaces provisions for obtaining parental permission with provisions for notifying parents that such information will be collected and shared.
- (3) Provides for collection of the information for students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 rather than grades eight through 12.

- (4) Adds family income and race and ethnicity to the information that may be collected and shared.
- (5) Adds authority to share the information with entities other than La. postsecondary education institutions, the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the Bd. of Regents subject to parental permission.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(K)(1)(intro. para.), (2), and (3)(a); Adds R.S. 17:3914(K)(1)(e) and (f); Repeals R.S. 17:3914(C)(1)(h) and (j) and (K)(3)(b) through (d))