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## DIGEST

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HB 322 Reengrossed

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Freeman

**Abstract:** Provides for the sharing of limited student information for the purposes of administering federal food assistance programs.

Present law prohibits any employee of a public school system from providing a student's personally identifiable information (P.I.I.) to any person or public or private entity. Provides exceptions to this prohibition and authorizes sharing student information under certain circumstances, including for purposes of administering federal food assistance programs.

Present law 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. 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 above terminates on June 10, 2021. Proposed law provides for the continued effectiveness of present law until December 31, 2022; adds a student's middle name, school site code, and student unique identifier to the list of information to be shared; and adds that information shall also be shared for purposes of administering the summer electronic benefits transfer program, subject to the same limitations and exceptions.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; Repeal of R.S. 17:3914(M) is effective December 31, 2022.

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

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Relative to sharing student information for purposes of the food assistance programs:
  - (a) Authorize the sharing of additional student information.

- (b) Add a "sunset" of Dec. 31, 2022.
- 2. Add provisions relative to sharing student information with certain entities for purposes related to postsecondary education.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Remove provisions relative to sharing student information with certain entities for purposes related to postsecondary education.