HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 711   **2021 Regular Session**   **Garofalo**

STUDENTS: Provides relative to the sharing of certain student data

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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1.   Make technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 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 adds race and ethnicity to the information that may be collected and shared. Revises purposes for which information may be shared and revises information required to be on parental notification forms.

Present law authorizes disclosing student information with the office of student financial assistance for purposes related to administering state and federal grants. Proposed law authorizes disclosing information to the Bd. of Regents for such purposes.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(K)(2) and (3)(c)(i); Adds R.S. 17:3914(K)(1)(e))