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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the collection and sharing of social security numbers of high school students pursuing a career major.

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 provides for exceptions to the prohibitions, including requiring 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.

Proposed law provides an additional exception. Requires public school governing authorities, with parental permission, to collect social security numbers of high school students pursuing a career major and share them with the La. Workforce Commission for the purpose of evaluating state and federal programs that prepare high school students for postsecondary education, workforce training, and employment. Provides for the commission to match the student information with employment data.

Present law provides that a person who violates present law shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than \$10,000. Such penalties apply to a violation of proposed law.

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