

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 205

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Creates the Louisiana Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST). (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3138.12, relative to information technology; to provide relative to the

3 collection of integrated data; to create the Louisiana Foundational Integrated

4 Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST); to provide for individual privacy

5 and confidentiality standards; to provide for data sharing agreements; to provide for

6 the administration of the system; to provide for reporting requirements; to limit the

7 sharing of identifiable information; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§17:3138.12. Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for**

11 **Transformation (LA FIRST)**

12 **A. The Board of Regents shall establish and maintain Louisiana's**

13 **Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST).**

14 **B. LA FIRST shall be developed and maintained at the University of**

15 **Louisiana at Lafayette within the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy**

16 **Center and shall serve as the data center administrator.**

17 **C. No later than December 1, 2023, data sharing agreements shall be**

1 executed by the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Policy Center and the following
2 state entities:

3 (1) The Board of Regents.

4 (2) Each public postsecondary education management board.

5 (3) The Louisiana Workforce Commission.

6 (4) The Department of Children and Family Services.

7 (5) The Department of Corrections.

8 (6) The Office of Juvenile Justice.

9 (7) Department of Health.

10 D. The Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Center, through LA FIRST, shall
11 develop and annually publish the following reports:

12 (1) Launch Louisiana report with an in-depth analysis of the elementary
13 and secondary school to college or career transition.

14 (2) Louisiana's Employment Outcomes report with an in-depth analysis
15 of linkages between workforce and postsecondary training and education.

16 (3) Causes and Consequences of Criminal and Delinquent Acts report
17 with an in-depth analysis of the criminal justice system leveraging linkages
18 between education, employment, adult corrections, and juvenile justice.

19 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Kathleen
20 Babineaux Blanco Policy Center shall be provided access to all data listed in the
21 data sharing agreement developed with each state entity.

22 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:3914, or any other law to
23 the contrary, the state Department of Education and any parish, city or local
24 school board shall directly share student data with the Kathleen Babineaux
25 Blanco Policy Center and any department listed herein in order to carry out the
26 provisions of this Section and the goals of the data sharing agreement.

27 G. Data sharing shall commence upon execution of data sharing
28 agreements but no later than December 1, 2023. The data shall include at least
29 five years of historical data in order to establish a baseline for each data set.

1 H.(1) All data shared will include a minimum set of personally
2 identifiable information to enable high quality matching to other records within
3 the system.

4 (2) The shared data will be separated into two parts, personal and
5 non-personal information. Personal information will be used only to generate
6 a unique identifier for each record, which will then be combined with
7 non-personal information to allow for matching of records across the data
8 system. Research and analysis shall not be conducted on data including
9 personally identifiable information.

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
15 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tracy Sabina Sudduth.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides for the creation of the Louisiana Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST) within the Board of Regents.

Proposed law provides LA FIRST be developed and maintained at the UL at Lafayette within the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center.

Proposed law directs LA FIRST to enter into data sharing agreement with certain state entities.

Proposed law provides that no later than December 1, 2023, the data sharing agreements shall be executed by the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Policy Center and the following state entities:

- (1) The Board of Regents.
- (2) Each public postsecondary education management board.
- (3) The Louisiana Workforce Commission.
- (4) The Department of Children and Family Services.

- (5) The Department of Corrections.
- (6) The Office of Juvenile Justice.
- (7) Department of Health.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law, the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Policy Center be provided access to all data listed in the data sharing agreement developed with each state entity.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law the state Department of Education and any parish, city or local school board may directly share student data with the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Policy Center and any department listed in proposed law herein in order to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Proposed law directs the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Center, through LA FIRST, to develop and annually publish the Launch Louisiana report, the Louisiana's Employment Outcomes report, and the Causes and Consequences of Criminal and Delinquent Acts report.

Proposed law provides data sharing commencement to occur no later than December 1, 2023, and provides for a minimum number of five years for a historical baseline.

Proposed law provides that all data shared will include a minimum set of personally identifiable information and will be separated into personal and non-personal information.

Proposed law provides personal information will be used only to generate a unique identifier for each record.

Proposed law further provides that the research and analysis may not be conducted on data that includes personally identifiable information.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3138.12)