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

Proposed law requires LA FIRST be developed and maintained by the Board of Regents at the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center located at Univ. of La.-Lafayette.

Proposed law directs LA FIRST to enter into data sharing agreement with certain state entities. Requires agreements to be executed and for data sharing to begin no later than December 1, 2023, with the following state entities:

- (1) Each public postsecondary education management board.
- (2) The Louisiana Workforce Commission.
- (3) The Department of Children and Family Services.
- (4) The Department of Corrections.
- (5) The Office of Juvenile Justice.
- (6) The Department of Health.

Notwithstanding present law, proposed law requires LA FIRST, through the Board of Regents, to be provided access to all data listed in the data sharing agreement developed with each state entity. Requires that once access to the data has been provided to the policy center, the policy center must comply with all confidentiality, privilege, privacy, and other legal restrictions.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law the state Department of Education and any city, parish, or other local school board shall directly share student data with the policy center and any department listed in proposed law in order to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law directs 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 prohibits research and analysis may from being 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Specify that the Board of Regents is the entity charged with developing and maintaining LA FIRST.
2. Provide for the data sharing agreements with state agencies to be executed by LA FIRST through the Board of Regents.
3. Clarify that once access to the data has been provided to the policy center, the policy center must comply with all confidentiality, privilege, privacy, and other legal restrictions.