

SENATE BILL NO. 205

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WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.12, relative to
3 information technology; to provide relative to the collection of integrated data; to
4 create the Louisiana Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation
5 (LA FIRST); to provide for individual privacy and confidentiality standards; to
6 provide for data sharing agreements; to provide for the administration of the system;
7 to provide for reporting requirements; to limit the sharing of identifiable information;
8 to provide with respect to disclosure of certain information in the possession of or
9 used by LA FIRST; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

12 **§3138.12. Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for**
13 **Transformation (LA FIRST)**

14 **A. The Board of Regents shall establish and maintain Louisiana's**
15 **Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST).**

16 **B. LA FIRST shall be developed and maintained by the Board of Regents**
17 **at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette within the Kathleen Babineaux**
18 **Blanco Public Policy Center.**

19 **C.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later**
20 **than December 1, 2023, data sharing agreements shall be executed by LA**
21 **FIRST through the Board of Regents, the office of technology services, and the**
22 **following state entities:**

23 **(a) The Louisiana Workforce Commission.**

1 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services.

2 (c) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

3 (d) The office of juvenile justice.

4 (e) The Louisiana Department of Health.

5 (f) The Department of Education.

6 (2) No later than December 1, 2023, data sharing agreements shall be
7 executed by LA FIRST through the Board of Regents and each public
8 postsecondary education management board.

9 D. LA FIRST, using the data center services of the Kathleen Babineaux
10 Blanco Public Policy Center, shall develop and annually publish the following
11 reports:

12 (1) Launch Louisiana report with an in-depth analysis of the
13 elementary-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, credit and noncredit, and postsecondary
16 training and education.

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

20 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, LA FIRST,
21 through the Board of Regents, shall be provided access to all data listed in the
22 data sharing agreement developed with each state entity. Access to the data of
23 each entity listed in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section shall be provided through
24 the office of technology services on equipment provided by the office of
25 technology services. Once the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center
26 has been provided access to the data, the policy center shall comply with all
27 restrictions imposed by law on any of the data received that is deemed
28 confidential, privileged, or otherwise restricted, and any reports that use the
29 data shall be released or published only in a manner that complies with the
30 restrictions.

1 Section 3.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective
2 when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for
3 the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

4 (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the
5 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become
6 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
7 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the
8 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such
9 approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____