
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows the state Dept. of Education to share student information with certain postsecondary education institutions, including those located out-of-state for purposes of academic research.

Present law prohibits an official or employee of a city, parish, or other local public school system from providing personally identifiable student information to any member of the school board or to any other person or public or private entity. Provides certain exceptions to this prohibition including providing information to the state Dept. of Education for the purpose of satisfying state and federal assessment, auditing, funding, monitoring, program administration, and state accountability requirements, if sufficient personally identifiable information is removed so that the remaining information alone cannot be used to identify a student. Authorizes officials and employees of the department to share information it has received with a person or public or private entity outside of La. only for purposes of academic analysis of assessments.

Present law provides that most violations of present law are punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

Proposed law further authorizes the department to share student information it has received with a person who is an employee of and conducting research at a postsecondary education institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education if the person and the department enter into a memorandum of understanding in which the person agrees to be liable for any criminal and civil penalties imposed by present law for any violation of present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(C)(2)(intro. para.) and (b))