
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 716

2018 Regular Session

Leger

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

STUDENTS: Provides relative to sharing of student information with certain postsecondary education institutions conducting academic research

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Required the commissioner of administration to withhold \$100,000 from funds appropriated to the state Dept. of Education for any year in which the department fails to comply with present law requirements to collect and report certain student information.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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))