

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 740

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from disclosing certain student information

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:3137, relative to public
3 postsecondary education institutions; to prohibit postsecondary education institutions
4 from disclosing certain information relative to students and their parents and legal
5 guardians; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3137 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3137. Student information; prohibition on disclosure

9 A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no official or
10 employee of a public postsecondary education institution shall disclose to anyone for
11 any purpose the following information without the affirmative written consent of the
12 person to which the information pertains:

13 (1) The contact information or personally identifiable information for a
14 student. If the student under the age of eighteen and not emancipated, such
15 information may be shared upon the affirmative written consent of his parent or legal
16 guardian.

17 (2) The contact information or personally identifiable information for the
18 parent or legal guardian of a student.

19 B. An official or employee of a public postsecondary education institution
20 may disclose such contact information and personally identifiable information:

Proposed law prohibits an official or employee of a public postsecondary education institution from disclosing to anyone for any purpose the following information without the affirmative written consent of the person to which the information pertains:

- (1) The contact information or personally identifiable information for a student. If the student is under the age of eighteen and not emancipated, such information may be shared upon the affirmative written consent of his parent or legal guardian.
- (2) The contact information or personally identifiable information for the parent or legal guardian of a student.

Proposed law provides an exception to this prohibition by authorizing the disclosure of such information:

- (1) To another official or employee of the institution who needs the information to perform his official duties.
- (2) In response to a subpoena, discovery request, or court order compelling its production.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9); Adds R.S. 17:3137)