
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 96

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Freeman

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

STUDENTS: Provides relative to sharing of student information for the purpose of administering the pandemic electronic benefits transfer (P-EBT) program (Item #28)

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Limited application of proposed law to public schools.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Except a student if his parent has chosen not to share information pursuant to school board policy instead of making the requirement that schools share a student's information contingent upon the request of that student's parent.
2. Limit shareable student information to first name, last name, address, and date of birth.
3. Provide for transfer of information from a school governing authority to the Dept. of Children and Family Services instead of from a school to the state Dept. of Education to the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
4. Specify that proposed law applies to both public and nonpublic schools.
5. Provide for repeal of proposed law on June 10, 2021.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law prohibits any employee of a public school system from providing a student's personally identifiable information to any person or public or private entity. Provides exceptions to this prohibition and authorizes sharing student information under certain circumstances. Proposed law requires, notwithstanding present law, each public or nonpublic school or other entity that participates in a meal program through which students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer (known as P-EBT) program to share student information with the Dept. of Children

and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to eligible families. Provides that such information shall be limited to the first name, last name, address, and date of birth of each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school. Proposed law excepts any student whose parent has chosen not to share information pursuant to the policy of the governing authority of the school or other entity.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; Repeal of proposed law effective June 10, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 17:3914(M); Repeals R.S. 17:3914(M))