

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

STUDENTS: Provides relative to the collection and sharing of certain student information

DIGEST

Present law generally 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.

Present law provides certain exceptions to this general prohibition including providing information to the state DOE for the purpose of satisfying state and federal assessment, auditing, funding, monitoring, program administration, and state accountability requirements, provided that sufficient personally identifiable information is removed so that the remaining information alone cannot be used to identify a student.

Present law authorizes officials and employees of DOE to share such information with a person or public or private entity outside of La. only for purposes of academic analysis of assessments.

Proposed law further authorizes officials and employees of DOE to share such information with a person who is an employee of and conducting academic research at any postsecondary education institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education, provided the person and the department have entered into a memorandum of understanding that the person agrees to be civilly liable for any fine imposed for certain violations of present law relative to student data privacy.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Specifies that persons allowed access to student data for research purposes must be an employee of and conducting research at a regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institution.
2. Requires such person to enter into a MOU with DOE agreeing to be civilly liable for fines imposed for violations of present law relative to student data privacy.