RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 691 (HB 716)

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Existing 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.

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

<u>New law</u> authorizes the department to share student information it has received with a person who is an employee of and conducting research at an accredited postsecondary education institution 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 <u>existing law</u> for any violation of <u>existing law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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