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ACT No. 187

HOUSE BILL NO. 373

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(N)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3138.13, and to repeal R.S.
17:3914(C)(1)(j) and (N)(1)(c), relative to career and technical education; to require
the Louisiana Workforce Commission to perform an annual return on investment
analysis with respect to industry-based credentials earned in high school; to provide
for the purpose and content of the analysis; to require an annual report on the
analysis to certain legislative committees and the State Board of Elementary and
Secondary Education; to provide with respect to the collection and sharing of certain
student data for the purpose of the analysis; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(N)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
17:3138.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3138.13. Return on investment analysis; industry-based credentials

A. The Louisiana Workforce Commission shall perform an annual return on
investment analysis, including but not limited to employment rates and wage
outcomes, for the purpose of evaluating the relationship between industry-based

credentials earned by high school students and the students' attainment of high-wage, high-demand jobs that are aligned with state workforce priorities.

B. The commission shall submit a written report on the analysis to the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, the Senate Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education not later than February first annually. The commission shall report student information only in the aggregate and shall not include any student's personally identifiable information as defined in R.S. 17:3914(B)(1) in the report.

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§3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions;
parental access; penalties

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N.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, each public secondary school governing authority shall do the following:

(a) For the sole purpose of evaluating state and federal programs that prepare students for postsecondary education, workforce training, and employment, including the return on investment analysis conducted by the Louisiana Workforce Commission pursuant to R.S. 17:3138.13, collect the social security number of each student who is pursuing a diploma, not later than the beginning of the student's senior year, ~~subject to the permission of the student's parent or legal guardian or the permission of the student if he has reached the age of majority.~~ In order to facilitate the performance of these evaluations, each governing authority shall share the collected social security numbers, matched to the corresponding student names and unique student identification numbers, with the state Department of Education, and the department shall share the social security numbers and other information with the

