

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 632

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

STUDENTS: Provides relative to information sharing for the purposes of Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.12(F) and (H)(2) and to enact R.S. 17:3914(P) and
3 3996(B)(24), relative to Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for
4 Transformation; to provide relative to information sharing for system purposes; to
5 provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.12(F) and (H)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9 R.S. 17:3914(P) and 3996(B)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3138.12. Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation
11 (LA FIRST)

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13 F.(1) For the purposes of this Section, "personal information" means a
14 person's social security number, full name, and date of birth, and "nonpersonal
15 information" means all other data housed in the LA FIRST data system.

16 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:3914 or any other law to the
17 contrary, each ~~city, parish, or other local public school board~~ public school
18 governing authority shall directly share ~~student data~~ personal information available
19 for its students with the state Department of Education, which shall share such
20 information with the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center ~~and any~~

1 ~~department listed in Subsection C of this Section~~ in order to carry out the provisions
2 of this Section and the goals of the data-sharing agreements.

3 (3) The initial set of personal information that each public school governing
4 authority shares with the State Department of Education shall include existing
5 personal information on current students as well as at least five years of historical
6 personal information available for former students. The department shall share this
7 information with the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center, and shared
8 data shall be updated at least annually.

9 (4) The State Department of Education may develop and implement a
10 streamlined information sharing process for the purposes of this Subsection,
11 including but not limited to the incorporation of the information sharing
12 requirements of this Subsection into any other data-sharing agreements it has with
13 public school governing authorities, the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy
14 Center, or any other state entity as provided in this Section or in any other provision
15 of law.

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17 H.

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19 (2) The shared data shall be separated into two parts, personal and
20 nonpersonal information. Personal information shall be used only to generate a
21 unique identifier for each record, ~~which shall then be~~ or combined with nonpersonal
22 information to allow for matching of records across the data system or enhanced
23 analysis and then shall be removed from the files used in the research and analysis
24 after the unique identifier has been assigned. Research and analysis shall not be
25 conducted on data that includes ~~personally identifiable~~ personal information.

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27 §3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions;
28 parental access; penalties

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Present law provides that the shared data shall be separated into two parts, personal information and nonpersonal information. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law, for present law and proposed law purposes, defines "personal information" as a person's social security number, full name, and date of birth and "nonpersonal information" as all other data housed in the LA FIRST data system.

Present law provides that personal information shall be used only to generate a unique identifier for each record, which shall be combined with nonpersonal information to allow for the matching of records across the data system. Proposed law removes the requirement that the identifier be combined for such purpose and instead allows personal information to be combined for such purpose or for enhanced analysis. Further requires that the personal information be removed from the files used in the research and analysis after the identifier has been assigned.

Present law prohibits research and analysis from being conducted on data that includes personally identifiable information. Proposed law instead prohibits this on data that includes personal information.

LA FIRST, K-12 student information

Present law requires each city, parish, or other local public school board to directly share student data with the Blanco Center and agencies specified in present law. Proposed law broadens the application of present law to the governing authorities of all public schools (including charter schools) and instead requires that they share personal information for their students directly with the state Dept. of Education and requires the department to share the information with the Blanco Center.

Proposed law further requires that the initial set of personal information that governing authorities share with the department include existing personal information for current students as well as at least five years of historical personal information available for former students. Requires the department to share this information with the Blanco Center and that shared data be updated at least annually.

Proposed law authorizes the department to implement a streamlined information sharing process for proposed law purposes, including incorporating proposed law information sharing requirements into existing data-sharing agreements.

Present law relative to student data privacy prohibits sharing a student's personally identifiable information and provides exceptions. Proposed law adds an exception for present law and proposed law relative to LA FIRST.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.12(F) and (H)(2); Adds R.S. 17:3914(P) and 3996(B)(24))