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## DIGEST

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

### **LA FIRST, generally**

Present law requires the Bd. of Regents to establish and maintain Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST) at the University of La. at Lafayette within the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center (Blanco Center). Provides for data sharing agreements between various entities, including specified state agencies, for the purpose of the publication of annual reports on various topics, including education, workforce development, and criminal justice. Proposed law retains present law.

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))