

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to develop a system of unique student identification numbers and prohibits the numbers from including or being based on social security numbers. New law additionally requires DOE to develop a system of unique early childhood education identification numbers and applies the existing law prohibition to these numbers.

Existing law provides that a student shall retain his student identification number for his tenure in public elementary and secondary schools. New law provides that a student shall retain his identification number beginning with early childhood programs.

New law provides for the assignment of early childhood education identification numbers as follows:

- (1) DOE shall assign a number to every child participating in a publicly funded pre-k program at a school or early learning center.
- (2) DOE may assign a number to every child participating in a pre-k program that does not receive public funds at a school or early learning center whose parent provides the necessary information for such assignment.

Existing law requires each local public school board to assign a student identification number. New law excepts students already assigned an early childhood education identification number.

New law requires each school board, by Dec. 31, 2027, to link each early childhood education identification number to the corresponding student's student identification number for the purpose of researching and analyzing early childhood programs.

New law requires that new law be initially implemented by Aug. 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(C)(3))