AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(K)(2) and (3)(c)(i) and to enact R.S. 17:3914(K)(1)(e), relative to the collection and sharing of student data and information; to provide for the use of such information for specified purposes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(K)(2) and (3)(c)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3914(K)(1)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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K.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the contrary, the governing authority of each public school, with the permission of a student’s parent or legal guardian, shall collect the following personally identifiable information for each student enrolled in grades eight through twelve:

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(e) Race and ethnicity data.

(2) The governing authority of a public school and the company that the state has contracted with to develop the unique student identifier shall disclose the information collected pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, upon request, only to:
(a) A Louisiana postsecondary education institution, to be used solely for the purpose of processing applications for admission and for compliance with state and federal reporting requirements.

(b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance, Board of Regents and the office of student financial assistance, as a program under its jurisdiction, to be used solely for the purpose of processing applications made to the office for state and federal grants and for required grant program reporting, for the purposes of providing reports to each public school governing authority on the postsecondary education remediation needs, retention rates, and graduation rates for each high school under its jurisdiction, and for the purpose of evaluating comparative postsecondary education performance outcomes based on student transcript data in order to develop policies designed to improve student academic achievement.

(c) The Board of Regents, to be used only by board staff for the purposes of providing reports to each public school governing authority on the postsecondary remediation needs, retention rates, and graduation rates for each high school under its jurisdiction and to evaluate comparative postsecondary performance outcomes based upon student transcript data in order to develop policies designed to improve student academic achievement:

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(c) The form shall contain the following:

(i) A statement notifying the student's parent or legal guardian exactly what items of student information will be collected and that disclosure of the student information collected will be restricted to Louisiana postsecondary education institutions to be used for the purposes of processing applications for admission and for compliance with state and federal reporting requirements to the Board of Regents and to the Office of Student Financial Assistance office of student financial assistance, as a program under the board's jurisdiction, to be used solely for the purpose purposes of processing applications for admission and for state and federal financial aid and to the Board of Regents to be used solely for the purposes of for
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authority on the postsecondary education remediation needs, retention rates, and
graduation rates for each high school under its jurisdiction, and for evaluating
comparative postsecondary education performance outcomes based on student
transcript data in order to develop and developing policies designed to improve
student academic achievement.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ______________________

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