DIGEST

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Schroder HB No. 1076

Abstract: Provides for limitations and prohibitions on the collection and sharing of student information and provides penalties for violations.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the collection of certain student information by local public school systems and charter schools unless the information is voluntarily disclosed by the parent or legal guardian. Prohibits local school system and charter school officials and employees from sharing student information with local school board members and any other person or public or private entity except as otherwise specified in <u>proposed law</u>. Further prohibits access to public school computer systems where student information is stored except as otherwise specified in <u>proposed law</u>. Provides that any person given access to a public school computer system shall maintain the confidentiality of the student information accessed.

Permits local public school boards and charter schools to contract with a private entity for student services and prohibits a contractor from allowing access to, releasing, or allowing the release of such student information except as specified in the contract. Provides penalties for violations including imprisonment and monetary fines.

Prohibits persons who have access to student information from converting any student information such that the information remaining after enough personally identifiable information has been removed can be used to identify a student and from using the personal characteristics or behavior patterns of a student to make generalizations about a student or to predict outcomes and behaviors of a student.

Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop a system of unique student identification numbers. Requires local public school boards to assign such numbers to every student and provides that such numbers shall not include or be based on social security numbers.

Provides penalties for violations of proposed law including imprisonment and monetary fines.

(Adds R.S. 17:3913 and 3996(B)(34))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Defines "parent or legal guardian" to mean a parent, legal guardian, or other person

responsible for the student.

- 2. In <u>proposed law</u> exception that allows the state Dept. of Education to share student information for purposes of assessment, provides instead that it shall be for purposes of scoring assessments.
- 3. In <u>proposed law</u> that allows a local school board to contract with a private entity for student information services, provides instead that such contract is authorized for student services.
- 4. In <u>proposed law</u> that allows a local school board to transfer student information to a computer owned, operated, and maintained by a private entity pursuant to a contract for student services, requires instead that the computer be operated and maintained by the private entity.