

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 611

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STUDENTS: Provides relative to the collection and sharing of certain student information

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3914(M), relative to student information; to authorize the Board of
3 Regents, the governing authority of each public secondary school, the state
4 Department of Education, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission to share student
5 information; to provide for the use of information for research; to provide conditions;
6 to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions;
10 parental access; penalties

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12 M.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the
13 Board of Regents, the governing authority of each public secondary school, the state
14 Department of Education, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall exchange
15 student information for the purposes outlined in this Section.

16 (2) The governing authority of each public secondary school shall collect the
17 following personally identifiable information for each public secondary school
18 graduate who earned an industry-based credential:

19 (a) Full name.

20 (b) Date of birth.

1 (c) Social security number.

2 (d) Industry-based credential earned.

3 (3) Each public postsecondary education institution shall collect the
4 following personally identifiable information for each of its students who earned an
5 industry-based credential at a public secondary school in Louisiana:

6 (a) Full name.

7 (b) Date of birth.

8 (c) Social security number.

9 (d) Industry-based credential earned.

10 (4) The governing authority of each public secondary school shall disclose
11 information collected pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and each public
12 postsecondary education institution shall disclose information collected pursuant to
13 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for the
14 express purpose of determining whether public secondary school graduates earning
15 industry-based credentials have entered the workforce in the industry for which they
16 earned the credential or pursued further education related to the industry for which
17 they earned the credential. The commission shall share the data with the Board of
18 Regents and the state Department of Education for the express purpose of analysis
19 and evaluation of performance outcomes of career and technical education. The state
20 department shall use the data to develop policies for improving student achievement
21 in this area.

22 (5) These agencies shall keep such information strictly confidential and shall
23 use the information for no other purpose than that provided in Paragraph (2) of this
24 Subsection.

25 (6) Any exchange of student information pursuant to the provisions of this
26 Subsection shall comply with all applicable state and federal law, including the
27 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

1 (7) Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to maintain the
 2 confidentiality of such information is subject to the penalties provided in Subsection
 3 G of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Bd. of Regents, governing authority of each public secondary school, the Dept. of Education, and the La. Workforce Commission to share student information for research and policy development purposes.

Present law provides for the protection of personally identifiable student information.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law the Bd. of Regents, governing authority of each public secondary school, the Dept. of Education, and the La. Workforce Commission shall exchange student information, including full name, date of birth, and social security number, for the express purpose of gathering data regarding rates of students obtaining industry credentials and entering into the field for which they earned such credentials or pursuing further education related to the industry for which they earned such credentials. Requires that confidentiality of shared information be maintained and provides for penalties for breaching confidentiality.

(Adds R.S. 17:3914(M))