

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 716

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

STUDENTS: Provides relative to sharing of student information with certain postsecondary education institutions conducting academic research

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(C)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b), relative to
3 student information; to authorize the state Department of Education to share student
4 information with certain postsecondary education institutions including those located
5 out-of-state; to provide for the use of information for academic research; to provide
6 conditions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(C)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b) are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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15 (2) ~~Beginning August 1, 2015, no~~ No official or employee of a city, parish,
16 or other local public school system shall provide personally identifiable student
17 information to any member of the school board or to any other person or public or
18 private entity, except such an official or employee may, in accordance with
19 applicable state and federal law:

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a student. Authorizes officials and employees of the department to share information it has received with a person or public or private entity outside of La. only for purposes of academic analysis of assessments.

Present law provides that most violations of present law are punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

Proposed law further authorizes the department to share student information it has received with a person who is an employee of and conducting research at a postsecondary education institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education if the person and the department enter into a memorandum of understanding in which the person agrees to be liable for any criminal and civil penalties imposed by present law for any violation of present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3914(C)(2)(intro. para.) and (b))