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AN ACT Relating to improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Institutions of higher education must enter into data-sharing the office of 9 agreements with the superintendent of public 10 instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student 11 directory information collected under section 2 of this act for the 12 purposes of informing Washington hiqh school students of postsecondary educational opportunities available in the state. 13

14 (2) Data-sharing agreements entered into under this section must 15 provide for the sharing of student enrollment and outcome information 16 from institutions of higher education, including federally designated 17 serving institutions of higher education minority that are 18 participating in data-sharing agreements under subsection (4) of this 19 section, to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. 20 Information provided in accordance with this subsection (2) must include the statewide student identifier for each student. To the 21

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1 extent possible, the office of the superintendent of public 2 instruction shall transmit student enrollment information to the 3 enrolled students' host districts for the current year.

4 (3)(a) Data-sharing agreements entered into by a community 5 college or technical college as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 are limited 6 to informing Washington high school students of postsecondary 7 educational opportunities available within a college's service 8 district as enumerated in RCW 28B.50.040.

9 (b) The state board for community and technical colleges may 10 coordinate with all of the community and technical colleges to 11 develop a single data-sharing agreement between the community and 12 technical colleges and the office of the superintendent of public 13 instruction.

(4) Federally designated minority serving institutions of higher 14 education that are bachelor degree-granting institutions and not 15 16 subject to subsection (1) of this section may enter into data-sharing 17 agreements with the office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student 18 directory information collected under section 2 of this act for the 19 purpose of informing Washington high school students of postsecondary 20 21 educational opportunities available in the state.

(5) Agreements entered into under this section must obligate institutions that will receive information through an agreement to maintain the statewide student identifier for each student.

(6) For the purposes of this section, "statewide student identifier" means the statewide student identifier required by RCW 27 28A.320.175 that is included in the longitudinal student data system established under RCW 28A.300.500.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "directory information" hasthe same meaning as in section 2 of this act.

31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150 32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Beginning in 2024, each school district that operates a high school shall annually transmit directory information for all enrolled high school students to the office of the superintendent of public instruction by November 1st.

37 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must38 hold the high school student directory information collected under

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1 this section and make the information available for institutions of higher education in accordance with section 1 of this act. 2

(3) By no later than the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, 3 the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall identify 4 a process for making information provided in accordance with section 5 6 1(2) of this act on a student's enrollment in an institution of higher education available to the student's school district. The 7 process identified under this subsection (3) must require that 8 information provided to school districts include the statewide 9 student identifier for each student. 10

11 (4) In transmitting student information under this section, school districts must comply with the consent procedures under RCW 12 28A.605.030, the federal family educational and privacy rights act of 13 14 1974 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g), and all applicable rules and regulations. 15

16 (5) The student directory information data collected under this 17 section is solely for the following purposes:

18 (a) Providing information related to college awareness and 19 admissions at institutions of higher education in accordance with section 1 of this act; and 20

21 (b) Providing enrollment and outcome information to the office of 22 the superintendent of public instruction and to school districts 23 related to students from their respective school district under subsection (3) of this section. 24

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(6) For the purposes of this section:

26 (a) "Directory information" means the names, addresses, email 27 addresses, and telephone numbers of students and their parents or 28 legal guardians; and

29 (b) "Statewide student identifier" has the same meaning as in 30 section 1 of this act.

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