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**SENATE BILL 6053**

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**By** Senators Holy, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Shewmake, Valdez, and C. Wilson; by request of Student Achievement Council

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving equitable access to postsecondary  
2 education by improving data sharing between the office of the  
3 superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student  
4 achievement council, and institutions of higher education; and  
5 amending RCW 28B.10.041 and 28A.150.515.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.041 and 2023 c 406 s 1 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) (~~Institutions~~) The Washington student achievement council  
10 and institutions of higher education must enter into data-sharing  
11 agreements with the office of the superintendent of public  
12 instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student  
13 directory information collected under RCW 28A.150.515 for the  
14 purposes of informing Washington high school students of  
15 postsecondary financial aid and educational opportunities available  
16 in the state.

17 (2) Data-sharing agreements entered into under this section must  
18 provide for the sharing of student enrollment and outcome information  
19 from institutions of higher education, including federally designated  
20 minority serving institutions of higher education that are  
21 participating in data-sharing agreements under subsection (4) of this

1 section, to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.  
2 Information provided in accordance with this subsection (2) must  
3 include the statewide student identifier for each student. To the  
4 extent possible, the office of the superintendent of public  
5 instruction shall transmit student enrollment information to the  
6 enrolled students' host districts for the current year.

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

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

17 (4) Federally designated minority-serving institutions of higher  
18 education that are bachelor degree-granting institutions and not  
19 subject to subsection (1) of this section may enter into data-sharing  
20 agreements with the office of the superintendent of public  
21 instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student  
22 directory information collected under RCW 28A.150.515 for the purpose  
23 of informing Washington high school students of postsecondary  
24 educational opportunities available in the state.

25 (5) Agreements entered into under this section must obligate the  
26 Washington student achievement council and institutions that will  
27 receive information through an agreement to maintain the statewide  
28 student identifier for each student.

29 (6) For the purposes of this section, "statewide student  
30 identifier" means the statewide student identifier required by RCW  
31 28A.320.175 that is included in the longitudinal student data system  
32 established under RCW 28A.300.500.

33 (7) For the purposes of this section, "directory information" has  
34 the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.515.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.515 and 2023 c 406 s 2 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) Beginning in 2024, each school district that operates a high  
38 school shall annually transmit directory information for all enrolled

1 high school students to the office of the superintendent of public  
2 instruction by November 1st.

3 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
4 hold the high school student directory information collected under  
5 this section and make the information available for the Washington  
6 student achievement council and institutions of higher education in  
7 accordance with RCW 28B.10.041.

8 (3) By no later than the beginning of the 2025-26 school year,  
9 the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall identify  
10 a process for making information provided in accordance with RCW  
11 28B.10.041(2) on a student's enrollment in an institution of higher  
12 education available to the student's school district. The process  
13 identified under this subsection (3) must require that information  
14 provided to school districts include the statewide student identifier  
15 for each student.

16 (4) In transmitting student information under this section,  
17 school districts must comply with the consent procedures under RCW  
18 28A.605.030, the federal family educational and privacy rights act of  
19 1974 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g), and all applicable rules and  
20 regulations.

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

23 (a) Providing information related to college awareness and  
24 admissions at institutions of higher education in accordance with RCW  
25 28B.10.041; (~~and~~)

26 (b) Providing information related to postsecondary financial aid  
27 and educational opportunities in accordance with RCW 28B.10.041; and

28 (c) Providing enrollment and outcome information to the office of  
29 the superintendent of public instruction and to school districts  
30 related to students from their respective school district under  
31 subsection (3) of this section.

32 (6) For the purposes of this section:

33 (a) "Directory information" means the names, addresses, email  
34 addresses, and telephone numbers of students and their parents or  
35 legal guardians; and

36 (b) "Statewide student identifier" has the same meaning as in RCW  
37 28B.10.041.

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