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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of social security numbers by schools
2 and school districts; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) School districts and public schools may not request the
7 disclosure of a student's federal social security number, except as
8 provided in subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section.

9 (2)(a) A school district or public school may request the
10 disclosure of a student's federal social security number for the
11 purpose of seeking medicaid reimbursement for covered services to
12 eligible students under RCW 74.09.5241 through 74.09.5256, or for the
13 purpose of compliance with federal law explicitly requiring such
14 disclosure.

15 (b) If the student is an employee of the school district, a school
16 district or public school may request disclosure of a student's federal
17 social security number for employment purposes. Employment records
18 containing student federal social security numbers shall be maintained
19 separately from student records.

1 (c) Any school district or public school requesting the disclosure
2 of a student's federal social security number under this subsection (2)
3 must use a consent form, to be signed by the parent or guardian, that
4 contains a disclosure statement printed on the form. The disclosure
5 statement must include the following:

6 (i) Whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;

7 (ii) The information that will be collected or matched using the
8 federal social security number;

9 (iii) What federal or state law, rule, or regulation requires the
10 disclosure; and

11 (iv) Who will have access to the federal social security number.

12 (d) A parent's or guardian's general consent for another purpose,
13 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to
14 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular
15 school activity, does not constitute consent to disclosure of the
16 student's federal social security number.

17 (3)(a) Longitudinal studies that involve the disclosure of student
18 federal social security numbers must first be reviewed and approved by
19 the local school board. The board may permit a school, school
20 district, or the superintendent of public instruction to request
21 voluntary student participation in longitudinal studies related to
22 education. Any request for disclosure of a student's federal social
23 security number for this purpose must include a disclosure statement
24 with the following information:

25 (i) An explanation that participation in the longitudinal study and
26 disclosure of the federal social security number are voluntary;

27 (ii) An itemization of all information that will be gathered about
28 the student or the student's family;

29 (iii) Who will have access to the information;

30 (iv) Who will have access to the federal social security number;

31 (v) How long the longitudinal study will last;

32 (vi) What will happen to the information after completion of the
33 longitudinal study; and

34 (vii) The date the school board reviewed and approved participation
35 in the longitudinal study.

36 (b) A parent's or guardian's general consent for another purpose,
37 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to
38 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular

1 school activity does not constitute consent to disclose the student's
2 federal social security number.

3 (4)(a) No official, employee, contractor, or agent of an
4 educational institution or agency may release a student's federal
5 social security number without the written consent of the parent or
6 legal guardian, except as provided in (b) of this subsection. The
7 request for release must include the following information:

8 (i) Whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;

9 (ii) The information that will be collected or matched using the
10 federal social security number;

11 (iii) What federal or state law, rule, or regulation requires the
12 disclosure; and

13 (iv) Who will have access to the federal social security number.

14 (b)(i) A school district or public school may release a student's
15 federal social security number for the purpose of seeking medicaid
16 reimbursement for covered services to eligible students under RCW
17 74.09.5241 through 74.09.5256, or for the purpose of compliance with
18 federal law explicitly requiring such release.

19 (ii) If the student is an employee of the school district, a school
20 district or public school may release a student's federal social
21 security number for employment purposes.

22 (c) A parent's or guardian's general consent for other purposes,
23 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to
24 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular
25 school activity, does not constitute consent to disclosure of the
26 student's federal social security number.

27 (5)(a) A school district may disclose student federal social
28 security numbers to the work force training and education coordinating
29 board for research purposes as provided in subsection (6) of this
30 section. Before release, the school district shall provide written
31 notification to the parent or guardian. The notification shall
32 include:

33 (i) An explanation that disclosure of the federal social security
34 number is voluntary and that no benefit is contingent upon disclosure;

35 (ii) That the signed consent by the parent or guardian is required
36 for the disclosure of the federal social security number;

37 (iii) That the federal social security number shall be used for
38 research purposes only;

1 (iv) That the research shall be conducted by the work force
2 training and education coordinating board or the agent of the work
3 force training and education coordinating board;

4 (v) That research and data management personnel only shall have
5 access to the federal social security number;

6 (vi) That research and data management personnel shall not
7 disseminate individually identifiable information to other persons; and

8 (vii) That a description of the research study shall be on file at
9 the school district and available for public review. The description
10 shall include the information that will be gathered and collated about
11 the student or the student's family, who will have access to the
12 information, who will have access to the federal social security
13 number, how long the study will last, and what will happen to the
14 information gathered after the original study is completed.

15 (b) Written consent to the disclosure of the federal social
16 security number by the parent or guardian following the notification
17 required in (a) of this subsection shall be considered as meeting the
18 requirements of subsection (4)(a)(i) through (iv) of this section.

19 (6) In performing their duties to evaluate the effectiveness of
20 vocational education at the secondary level, the work force training
21 and education coordinating board may request school districts to
22 provide access to student records including federal social security
23 numbers.

24 (7) This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a school
25 district from developing an individual student identification number,
26 unrelated to the student's federal social security number, to identify
27 and maintain education records on students enrolled in the district.

28 (8) A student's federal social security number may only be used for
29 the purpose it was collected and for which the student's parent or
30 legal guardian has given prior written consent.

31 (9) It is unlawful for any public school or public school district
32 to deny a student any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law
33 because the student or the student's parent or legal guardian refuses
34 to disclose the student's federal social security number.

35 (10) For the purposes of this section, if a student has attained
36 eighteen years of age, the permission or consent required of and the

1 rights accorded to the parent or guardian of the student shall
2 thereafter only be required of and accorded to the student.

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