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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1381

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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Rockefeller, G. Chandler, Skinner, Dunn, Lantz, Doumit, Cox, Keiser, Pearson, Schoesler, Ruderman, Schual-Berke and Lambert)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

- 1 AN ACT Relating to identification of students at institutions of
- 2 higher education; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; creating
- 3 new sections; and providing an effective date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the occurrences
- 6 of identity theft are increasing. The legislature also finds that
- 7 widespread use of the federally issued social security numbers has made
- 8 identity theft more likely to occur.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (1) Institutions of higher education shall not use students' social
- 12 security numbers for identification, except for the purposes of
- 13 employment, financial aid, research, assessment, accountability,
- 14 transcripts, or as otherwise required by state or federal law.
- 15 (2) Each institution of higher education shall develop a system of
- 16 personal identifiers for students to be used for grading and other
- 17 administrative purposes. The personal identifiers may not be social
- 18 security numbers.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The institutions of higher education, in
- 2 conjunction with the higher education coordinating board and the state
- 3 board for community and technical colleges, shall submit a report to
- 4 the legislature by December 1, 2001, outlining the institution's
- 5 personal identifier system.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1, 2002.

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