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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5509**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hochstatter, Shin, Kline, Hargrove, Horn, Fairley, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, Prentice, McAuliffe, Roach and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to identification of students, staff, and faculty  
2 at institutions of higher education; adding a new section to chapter  
3 28B.10 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **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 NEW SECTION. **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 the social  
12 security number of any student, staff, or faculty for identification  
13 except for the purposes of employment, financial aid, research,  
14 assessment, accountability, transcripts, or as otherwise required by  
15 state or federal law.

16 (2) Each institution of higher education shall develop a system of  
17 personal identifiers for students to be used for grading and other

1 administrative purposes. The personal identifiers may not be social  
2 security numbers.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The institutions of higher education, in  
4 conjunction with the higher education coordinating board and the state  
5 board for community and technical colleges, shall submit a report to  
6 the legislature by December 1, 2001, outlining the institution's  
7 personal identifier system.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Each institution of higher education shall  
9 use its own existing budgetary funds to develop the system for personal  
10 identifiers. No new state funds shall be allocated for this purpose.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,  
12 2002.

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