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By Committee on Appropriations

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW to read as follows:

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

(2) Data-sharing agreements entered into under this section must provide for the sharing of student enrollment and outcome information from institutions of higher education, including institutions of higher education that are participating in data-sharing agreements under subsection (5) of this section, to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Information provided in accordance with this subsection (2) must include the statewide student identifier for each student. To the extent possible, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall transmit student enrollment information to the enrolled students' host districts for the current year.

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

(b) The state board for community and technical colleges may coordinate with all of the community and technical colleges to develop a single data-sharing agreement between the community and technical colleges and the office of the superintendent of public instruction."
(4) 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.

(5)(a) Four-year, not-for-profit institutions of higher education that are authorized to participate in state financial aid programs under chapter 28B.92 RCW and not subject to subsection (1) of this section may enter into data-sharing agreements with the office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student directory information collected under section 2 of this act for the purposes of informing Washington high school students of postsecondary educational opportunities available in the state.

(b) An institution of higher education that enters into a data-sharing agreement under this subsection (5) must, as part of the agreement, pledge to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws applicable to hiring and admissions practices. If the office of the superintendent of public instruction determines that the institution of higher education, after the establishment of the data-sharing agreement, has not complied with state and federal nondiscrimination laws applicable to hiring and admissions practices, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may suspend or terminate the agreement.

(6) For the purposes of this section, "statewide student identifier" means the statewide student identifier required by RCW 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" has the same meaning as in section 2 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Beginning in 2023, 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.

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

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

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

(a) College awareness and admissions at institutions of higher education; and

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

(6) For the purposes of this section:

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

(b) "Institutions of higher education" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.10.016. However, for purposes of data-sharing agreements authorized under section 1(5) of this act, "institutions of higher education" means four-year, not-for-profit institutions of higher education that are authorized to participate in state financial aid programs under chapter 28B.92 RCW and are not subject to section 1(1) of this act; and

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

Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Requires institutions of higher education, in providing information about student enrollments and outcomes to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in
accordance with data-sharing agreements, include the statewide student identifier for each student.

(2) Requires that data-sharing agreements between institutions of higher education and the OSPI obligate the institutions to maintain the statewide student identifier for each student.

(3) Directs the OSPI, in identifying a process for making information about a student's enrollment in an institution of higher education available to the student's district, to require that information provided to school districts include the statewide student identifier for each student.

(4) Permits private, four-year not-for-profit institutions of higher education to enter into student data-sharing agreements with the OSPI for the purposes of informing Washington high school students of postsecondary educational opportunities available in the state.

(5) Requires private, four-year not-for-profit institutions of higher education that enter into student data-sharing agreements to, as part of the agreement, pledge to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws applicable to hiring and admissions practices, and permits the OSPI to suspend or terminate the agreement if the OSPI determines that the institution, after the establishment of the data-sharing agreement, has not complied with the nondiscrimination laws.

(6) Makes changes to reflect the potential inclusion of private four-year not-for-profit institutions of higher education in data-sharing agreements, including establishing a definition of "institutions of higher education."

(7) Defines "statewide student identifier" as the statewide student identifier that is required by statute and included in the longitudinal student data system.

(8) Establishes a new definition of "directory information" for the proposed data-sharing agreements by removing a reference to a federal definition and specifying that the term means the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of students and their parents or legal guardians.

(9) Add a cross reference.

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