AN ACT Relating to improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

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

The state universities, the regional universities, and the state college 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.

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

(1)(a) In accordance with the federal elementary and secondary education act of 1965, as amended (115 Stat. 1983, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7908), school districts that operate a high school shall annually transmit directory information of all enrolled high school students
to the office of the superintendent of public instruction by November 1st.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "directory information" has the same meaning as in 34 C.F.R. Sec. 99.3 (2011) and includes names, addresses, email addresses of students and legal guardians, and telephone numbers of students and legal guardians.

(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 the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College.

(3) 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.

(4) The student directory information data collected under this section is solely for the purpose of college awareness and admissions at the state universities, the regional universities, and the state college as defined under RCW 28B.10.016.

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