
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6053

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Holy, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Shewmake, Valdez, and C. Wilson; by request of Student Achievement Council)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving equitable access to postsecondary
2 education by improving data sharing between the office of the
3 superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student
4 achievement council, and institutions of higher education; and
5 amending RCW 28B.10.041 and 28A.150.515.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.041 and 2023 c 406 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) (~~Institutions~~) The Washington student achievement council
10 and institutions of higher education must enter into data-sharing
11 agreements with the office of the superintendent of public
12 instruction to facilitate the transfer of high school student
13 directory information collected under RCW 28A.150.515 for the
14 purposes of informing Washington high school students of
15 postsecondary financial aid and educational opportunities available
16 in the state.

17 (2) Data-sharing agreements entered into under this section must
18 provide for the sharing of student enrollment and outcome information
19 from institutions of higher education, including federally designated
20 minority serving institutions of higher education that are
21 participating in data-sharing agreements under subsection (4) of this

1 section, to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
2 Information provided in accordance with this subsection (2) must
3 include the statewide student identifier for each student. To the
4 extent possible, the office of the superintendent of public
5 instruction shall transmit student enrollment information to the
6 enrolled students' host districts for the current year.

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

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

17 (4) (~~Federally designated minority-serving~~) Other institutions
18 of higher education, as defined under RCW 28B.92.030, that are
19 bachelor degree-granting institutions and not subject to subsection
20 (1) of this section may enter into data-sharing agreements with the
21 office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate the
22 transfer of high school student directory information collected under
23 RCW 28A.150.515 for the purpose of informing Washington high school
24 students of postsecondary educational opportunities available in the
25 state.

26 (5) Agreements entered into under this section must obligate the
27 Washington student achievement council and institutions that will
28 receive information through an agreement to maintain the statewide
29 student identifier for each student.

30 (6) For the purposes of this section, "statewide student
31 identifier" means the statewide student identifier required by RCW
32 28A.320.175 that is included in the longitudinal student data system
33 established under RCW 28A.300.500.

34 (7) For the purposes of this section, "directory information" has
35 the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.515.

36 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.515 and 2023 c 406 s 2 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) Beginning in 2024, each school district that operates a high
39 school shall annually transmit directory information for all enrolled

1 high school students to the office of the superintendent of public
2 instruction by November 1st.

3 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
4 hold the high school student directory information collected under
5 this section and make the information available for the Washington
6 student achievement council and institutions of higher education in
7 accordance with RCW 28B.10.041.

8 (3) By no later than the beginning of the 2025-26 school year,
9 the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall identify
10 a process for making information provided in accordance with RCW
11 28B.10.041(2) on a student's enrollment in an institution of higher
12 education available to the student's school district. The process
13 identified under this subsection (3) must require that information
14 provided to school districts include the statewide student identifier
15 for each student.

16 (4) In transmitting student information under this section,
17 school districts must comply with the consent procedures under RCW
18 28A.605.030, the federal family educational and privacy rights act of
19 1974 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g), and all applicable rules and
20 regulations.

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

23 (a) Providing information related to college awareness and
24 admissions at institutions of higher education in accordance with RCW
25 28B.10.041; (~~and~~)

26 (b) Providing information related to postsecondary financial aid
27 and educational opportunities in accordance with RCW 28B.10.041; and

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

32 (6) For the purposes of this section:

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

36 (b) "Statewide student identifier" has the same meaning as in RCW
37 28B.10.041.

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