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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of social security numbers by schools
2 and school districts; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) School districts and public schools may not request the
7 disclosure of a student's federal social security number, except as
8 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

9 (2)(a) A school district or public school may request the
10 disclosure of a student's federal social security number for the
11 purpose of seeking medicaid reimbursement for covered services to
12 eligible students under RCW 74.09.5241 through 74.09.5256, or for the
13 purpose of compliance with federal law explicitly requiring such
14 disclosure.

15 (b) If the student is an employee of the school district, a school
16 district or public school may request disclosure of a student's social
17 security number for employment purposes. Employment records containing
18 student social security numbers shall be maintained separately from
19 student records.

1 (c) Any school district or public school requesting the disclosure
2 of a student's federal social security number under this subsection (2)
3 must use a consent form, to be signed by the parent or guardian, that
4 contains a disclosure statement printed on the form. The disclosure
5 statement must include the following:

6 (i) Whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;

7 (ii) The information that will be collected or matched using the
8 number;

9 (iii) What federal or state law, rule, or regulation requires the
10 disclosure; and

11 (iv) Who will have access to the number.

12 (d) A parent's or guardian's general consent for another purpose,
13 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to
14 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular
15 school activity, does not constitute consent to disclosure of the
16 student's social security number.

17 (3)(a) Longitudinal studies that involve the disclosure of student
18 social security numbers must first be reviewed and approved by the
19 local school board. The board may permit a school, school district, or
20 the superintendent of public instruction to request voluntary student
21 participation in longitudinal studies related to education. Permission
22 for student participation in a longitudinal study may be granted only
23 in writing by the student age eighteen or older or by the parent of a
24 student under age eighteen. Any request for disclosure of a student's
25 federal social security number for this purpose must include a
26 disclosure statement with the following information:

27 (i) An explanation that participation in the study and disclosure
28 of the social security number are voluntary;

29 (ii) An itemization of all information that will be gathered about
30 the student or the student's family;

31 (iii) Who will have access to the information;

32 (iv) Who will have access to the social security number;

33 (v) How long the study will last;

34 (vi) What will happen to the information after completion of the
35 longitudinal study; and

36 (vii) The date the school board reviewed and approved participation
37 in the study.

38 (b) A parent's or guardian's general consent for another purpose,
39 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to

1 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular
2 school activity does not constitute consent to disclose the student's
3 social security number.

4 (4)(a) No official, employee, contractor, or agent of an
5 educational institution or agency may release a student's social
6 security number without the written consent of the student age eighteen
7 or older or the parent or legal guardian of a student under age
8 eighteen. The request for release must include the following
9 information:

10 (i) Whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;

11 (ii) The information that will be collected or matched using the
12 number;

13 (iii) What federal or state law, rule, or regulation requires the
14 disclosure; and

15 (iv) Who will have access to the number.

16 (b) A parent's or guardian's general consent for other purposes,
17 including medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to
18 or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular
19 school activity, does not constitute consent to disclosure of the
20 student's social security number.

21 (5) This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a school
22 district from developing an individual student identification number,
23 unrelated to the student's social security number, to identify and
24 maintain education records on students enrolled in the district.

25 (6) A student's social security number may only be used for the
26 purpose it was collected and for which the student or the student's
27 parent or legal guardian has given prior written consent.

28 (7) It is unlawful for any public school or public school district
29 to deny a student any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law
30 because the student or the student's parent or legal guardian refuses
31 to disclose the student's federal social security number.

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