

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5274**

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1997 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5274** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Hochstatter, Zarelli, Stevens, Strannigan, Rasmussen, Deccio, Benton, Roach, Horn and Winsley)

Read first time 02/24/97.

1            AN ACT Relating to disclosure of students' social security numbers;  
2 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 any other explicit federal law requiring the  
14 disclosure. If disclosure is requested under this subsection (2)(a),  
15 the school district or public school shall cite the law requiring the  
16 disclosure.

17            (b) If the student is an employee of the school district, a school  
18 district or public school may request disclosure of a student's social

1 security number for employment purposes, if employment records  
2 containing the number are maintained separately from student records.

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

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

9 (ii) What federal or state statute, rule, or regulation requires  
10 the disclosure;

11 (iii) What uses will be made of the number; and

12 (iv) Who will have access to it.

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

18 (3) It is unlawful for any public school or public school district  
19 to deny a student any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law  
20 because the student or the student's parent or legal guardian refuses  
21 to disclose the student's federal social security number.

22 (4) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, no official,  
23 employee, or agent of an educational institution or agency may release  
24 a student's social security number to any public or private party  
25 without the written consent of the student age eighteen or older, or  
26 the parent or legal guardian of a student under age eighteen. The  
27 request for release must include the following information:

28 (a) Whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;

29 (b) What federal or state statute, rule, or regulation requires the  
30 disclosure;

31 (c) What uses will be made of the number; and

32 (d) Who will have access to it.

33 A parent's or guardian's general consent for other purposes, including  
34 medical consent or any consent used to approve admission to or  
35 involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular  
36 school activity, does not constitute consent to disclosure of the  
37 student's social security number.

38 (5) This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a school  
39 district from developing an individual student identification number,

- 1 unrelated to the student's social security number, to identify and
- 2 maintain education records on students enrolled in the district.

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