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1 AN ACT Relating to identification of students at institutions of
2 higher education; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the occurrences
6 of identity theft are increasing. The legislature also finds that
7 widespread use of the federally issued social security numbers has made
8 identity theft more likely to occur.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) Institutions of higher education shall not use students' social
12 security numbers for identification, except for the purposes of
13 employment and financial aid or as otherwise required by state or
14 federal law.

15 (2) Each institution of higher education shall develop a system of
16 personal identifiers for students to be used for grading and other
17 administrative purposes. The personal identifiers may not be social
18 security numbers.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The institutions of higher education, in
2 conjunction with the higher education coordinating board and the state
3 board for community and technical colleges, shall submit a report to
4 the legislature by December 1, 2001, outlining the institution's
5 personal identifier system.

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