

5509-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hochstatter, Shin, Kline, Hargrove, Horn, Fairley, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, Prentice, McAuliffe, Roach and Costa)

Brief Description: Requiring institutions of higher education to use personal identifiers that are not social security numbers.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that institutions of higher education shall not use the social security number of any student, staff, or faculty for identification except for the purposes of employment, financial aid, research, assessment, accountability, transcripts, or as otherwise required by state or federal law.

Requires each institution of higher education to develop a system of personal identifiers for students to be used for grading and other administrative purposes. The personal identifiers may not be social security numbers.

Directs the institutions of higher education, in conjunction with the higher education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges, to submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2001, outlining the institution's personal identifier system.

Requires each institution of higher education to use its own existing budgetary funds to develop the system for personal identifiers. No new state funds shall be allocated for this purpose.