
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2986

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Quall, Hunt, Lantz, Darneille, Kenney, Nixon, Hasegawa and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to student privacy and directory information;
2 adding new sections to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature, in the
5 interest of student confidentiality, that school districts minimize the
6 release of student telephone numbers and other directory information in
7 the absence of express parental consent. The legislature finds that
8 the nondisclosure of student telephone numbers and other directory
9 information reduces the possibility of harassment of students and their
10 families by organizations that received student information.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) "Directory information" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C.
14 Sec. 1232g(a)(5)(A), which states that "the term... relating to a
15 student includes the following: the student's name, address, telephone
16 listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation
17 in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of

1 members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards
2 received, and the most recent previous educational agency or
3 institution attended by the student."

4 (2) "Recruiter" means anyone who seeks to solicit a student to
5 attend or apply to a particular educational or vocational institution
6 or program, apply for employment with a private or public employer, or
7 enlist in the military.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) By September 1, 2006, each school district shall provide
11 separate written notice to every public high school student and his or
12 her parent or legal guardian informing the students, parents, and
13 guardians:

14 (a) Of their right to request, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Sec.
15 7908(a)(2), that the student's directory information not be released to
16 recruiters without the prior written consent of the student's parent or
17 guardian or the student;

18 (b) That if they do not request that the student's directory
19 information be withheld from some or all recruiters by the thirtieth
20 day of the new school year, the school may release the student's
21 directory information if requested to do so by a recruiter; and

22 (c) Of the obligation of all males between the ages of eighteen and
23 twenty-five years to register with selective services within thirty
24 days of their eighteenth birthday and information regarding how to
25 register.

26 (2) The district shall provide the notice required by subsection
27 (1) of this section in English and in any other languages the district
28 provides other district-wide written notice to students, parents, or
29 guardians.

30 (3) The notice provided under subsection (1) of this section shall
31 clearly distinguish among categories of recruiters and provide parents,
32 guardians, and students with the option of requesting that directory
33 information not be released to a particular category or categories of
34 recruiters. At a minimum, the categories of recruiters shall be broken
35 into (a) higher education and vocational education recruiters and
36 employers and (b) military recruiters. A request that a student's

1 information not be released to a particular category of recruiters does
2 not prohibit a school from releasing information to recruiters in any
3 other category.

4 (4) The notice required by this section shall be sent to parents or
5 guardians and students for each new school year. A school district
6 shall not release directory information to any recruiter, except upon
7 express written consent from the parent, guardian, or student, after
8 the last day of the school year or before the forty-fifth day of the
9 new school year.

10 (5) A student, parent, or guardian may request at any time that the
11 student's directory information not be released, and such a request
12 shall be honored by the school district.

13 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and post
14 on its web site a model notice and request form for withholding
15 directory information and regarding selective service obligations that
16 complies with the requirements of this section. The model notice and
17 request form must provide a brief explanation of the federal
18 requirement that student directory information be shared unless the
19 student, parent, or guardian requests the information be withheld.
20 School districts may adopt the model notice and request form or may use
21 a form developed by the school district.

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