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1 AN ACT Relating to student directory information; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.600 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 protects and respects the privacy of students and their
10 families from organizations that received student information.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) At the beginning of each school year, each school district
14 shall provide a separate written notice to every public high school
15 student and his or her parent or legal guardian that informs the
16 students, parents, and guardians:

17 (a) Of their right to request, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Secs.

1 7908(a)(2) and 1232g(a)(5)(B), that the student's directory information
2 not be released without the prior written consent of the student's
3 parent or guardian or the student; and

4 (b) That if they do not request that the student's directory
5 information be withheld from some or all recruiters by the thirtieth
6 day of the new school year, the school may release the student's
7 directory information if requested to do so by a recruiter.

8 (2) The district shall provide the notice required by this section
9 in English and in any other languages the district provides other
10 districtwide written notice to students, parents, or guardians.

11 (3) The notice provided under this section shall clearly
12 distinguish among categories of recruiters and provide parents,
13 guardians, and students with the option of requesting that directory
14 information not be released to a particular category or categories of
15 recruiters. At a minimum, the categories of recruiters shall be
16 divided into (a) higher education and vocational education recruiters
17 and employers and (b) military recruiters. A request that a student's
18 information not be released to a particular category of recruiters
19 shall not prohibit a school from releasing information to recruiters in
20 any other category.

21 (4) A school district shall not release directory information to
22 any recruiter, except upon express written consent from the parent,
23 guardian, or student, after the last day of the school year or before
24 the forty-fifth day after the notice is sent.

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

28 (6) A school or school district that allows access to any recruiter
29 also must consider allowing access on the same basis and to the same
30 extent to students and student records by recruiters and
31 representatives of the job corps, the peace corps, and AmeriCorps.

32 (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and post
33 on its web site a model notice and request form for withholding
34 directory information that complies with the requirements of this
35 section. The model notice and request form must provide a brief
36 explanation of the federal requirement that student directory
37 information be shared unless the student, parent, or guardian requests

1 the information be withheld. School districts may adopt the model
2 notice and request form or may use a form developed by the school
3 district.

4 (8) School districts are encouraged to incorporate the request form
5 for withholding directory information as part of enrollment and student
6 information forms regularly distributed to and collected from parents
7 and guardians at the beginning of each school year.

8 (9) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
9 section.

10 (a) "Directory information" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C.
11 Sec. 1232g(a)(5)(A), which states that "the term relating
12 to a student includes the following: the student's name, address,
13 telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study,
14 participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight
15 and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees
16 and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or
17 institution attended by the student."

18 (b) "Recruiter" means anyone who seeks to solicit a student to
19 attend or apply to a particular educational or vocational institution
20 or program, apply for employment with a private, public, or nonprofit
21 employer, volunteer with an organization, or enlist in the military.

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