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1 AN ACT Relating to educator preparation data for use by the  
2 professional educator standards board; amending RCW 28B.77.100; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the entities  
6 that are approved by the professional educator standards board  
7 collect and hold valuable information about candidates for educator  
8 certification. The education data center collects data for research  
9 purposes for the student achievement council and K-12 educational  
10 agencies. The training of effective teachers and understanding of the  
11 best practices of educator preparation programs is valuable  
12 information for policymakers. The preparation programs currently  
13 approved are required to collect and hold this information, but due  
14 to federal privacy concerns, the submission of reports contains only  
15 aggregate data, and thus makes it impossible to follow the careers of  
16 state educators into the field. The education data center has  
17 legislative authority to collect this information and meets federal  
18 privacy requirements. Therefore, the legislature intends to require  
19 transfer to the entity charged with K-12 and higher education  
20 research, such data required and held by state-approved educator  
21 preparation programs, while fully respecting the privacy of students.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.77.100 and 2015 c 244 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1)(a) In consultation with the education data center,  
4 institutions of higher education, and state education agencies, the  
5 council shall identify the data needed to carry out its  
6 responsibilities for policy analysis and public information. The  
7 primary goals of the council's data collection and research are to  
8 describe how students and other beneficiaries of higher education are  
9 being served; to compare and contrast the state of Washington's  
10 higher education system with the rest of the nation; and to assist  
11 state policymakers and institutions in making policy decisions.

12       (b) For the council, assistance to state policymakers and  
13 institutions of higher education in making policy decisions includes  
14 but is not limited to annual reporting of a national comparison of  
15 tuition and fees.

16       (2) One of the goals of the education data center's data  
17 collection and research for higher education is to support higher  
18 education accountability. For the education data center, assistance  
19 to state policymakers and institutions of higher education in making  
20 policy decisions includes but is not limited to regular completion  
21 of:

22       (a) Educational cost study reports as provided in RCW 43.41.415  
23 and information on state support received by students as provided in  
24 RCW 43.41.410; and

25       (b) Per-student funding at similar public institutions of higher  
26 education in the global challenge states.

27       (3) State-approved educator preparation programs must collect and  
28 provide data as required for approval by the professional educator  
29 standards board to the education data center.

30       (4) The education data center and the state-approved educator  
31 preparation programs as described in RCW 28A.410.210 shall enter  
32 data-sharing agreements to facilitate the transfer of data required  
33 by the professional educator standards board. The education data  
34 center must hold, analyze, and make available for research and  
35 monitoring by the professional educator standards board the data on  
36 the preparation of educators.

37       (5) The education data center shall be considered an authorized  
38 representative of the council and the office under applicable federal

1 and state statutes for purposes of accessing and compiling student  
2 record data for research purposes.

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