

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6263

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a model educational data sharing agreement between school districts and tribes.

Sponsors: Senators McCoy, Wellman, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Wilson, C., Das, Nguyen and Hunt.

Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education
House Committee on Education

Background: Washington State School Directors' Association. This organization is comprised of the 1477 school board members from Washington's 295 public school districts. The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) provides materials and educational services to its members, including model policies and procedures.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. This federal act, known as FERPA, protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools receiving federal funds for a United States Department of Education program. FERPA allows schools to disclose information from a student's education record, without consent, only to certain parties or under certain conditions. A school may disclose information in a student's record, without consent, to authorized representatives of state and local educational authorities for audit or evaluation of federal or state supported education programs.

Summary: WSSDA must develop a model policy and procedure to establish data sharing agreements between school districts and local tribes by January 1, 2021. When developing the policy, WSSDA must:

- consult with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Office of Native Education, the Tribal Leaders Congress on Education, and local tribes;
- consider model agreements developed by the Bureau of Indian Education and model data sharing agreements and procedures developed by national Native educational organizations; and
- consider standards for the identification of Native students for data sharing purposes.

The model policy and procedure must also safeguard students' personally identifiable information consistent with the requirements of FERPA.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0	
House	96	0	(House amended)
Senate	49	0	(Senate concurred)

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