A-Engrossed House Bill 2666

Ordered by the House April 24 Including House Amendments dated April 24

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK; Representatives GELSER, WITT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Education to provide technical expertise to assist schools, school districts and education service districts in complying with standards adopted by State Board of Education pertaining to student education records.

Directs department to issue privacy risk assessment of any data system, program or contract involving student education records.

Directs board to ensure standards pertaining to student education records comply with privacy and disclosure requirements.

Requires public body that conducts tests using student information to budget for costs of compliance with board standards.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student education records; creating new provisions; amending ORS 326.565; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 326.565 is amended to read:

- 326.565. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule standards for the creation, use, custody and disclosure, including access, of student education records that are consistent with the requirements of applicable state and federal law. The standards adopted by rule under this subsection must meet the requirements in section 2 of this 2013 Act.
- (2) The [state] board shall distribute the rules that are adopted to all school districts. The school districts shall make those rules available to the public schools in the district and to the public.
- (3) The [state] board may differentiate the standards applicable to persons 18 years of age or older or enrolled in post-secondary institutions.
- (4) The standards shall include requirements under which public and private schools and education service districts transfer student education records pursuant to ORS 326.575.
- (5) The Department of Education shall provide technical expertise to assist schools, school districts and education service districts in complying with the standards adopted under this section.
- (6) Using the standards adopted under this section as guidance, the department shall issue a privacy risk assessment of any data system, program or contract involving student education records.
- <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The standards for student education records adopted by rule by the State Board of Education pursuant to ORS 326.565 (1) must:

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- (a) Permit the parent or legal guardian of a student to view the information contained in the student education record;
- (b) Require the educational institution that has custody of the student education record or that compiles and retains the student education record to disclose to the parent or legal guardian of the student, upon the request of the parent or legal guardian of the student, how the information in the student education record may be used and who is authorized to access the student education record;
- (c) Permit the parent or legal guardian of a student to challenge and request a correction of incorrect information in the student education record;
- (d) Permit a student or the parent or legal guardian of a student to refuse to provide information not required by state or federal law for use in the student education record;
- (e) Require that personal identifying information collected about a student and retained in the student education record be used only for the educational benefit of the student;
- (f) Prohibit the collection of student personal identifying information for general educational research or program evaluation purposes;
- (g) Prohibit the disclosure of student personal identifying information to individuals who are not directly responsible for the student's education program;
- (h) Require that student information collected for general or individual student research or evaluation purposes be collected and used in compliance with applicable state and federal laws;
- (i) Require that student personal identifying information be removed from the student education record when the student personal identifying information is no longer needed for the purposes of preparing the student's education program or the student's application for employment or application to an institution of higher education; and
- (j) Permit an educator or school administrator whose performance is evaluated using student information contained in a student education record to view the information used for purposes of the evaluation.
- (2) The State Board of Education shall establish and adopt by rule criteria to permit a student to view the student's education record.
- (3) Any public body of this state that conducts a testing program that uses student information shall include in the budget for the testing program the costs associated with compliance with subsection (1) of this section.
- SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect July 1, 2013.

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