

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Aronberg and Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to use of social security
3 numbers in public postsecondary education;
4 creating s. 1004.09, F.S.; prohibiting certain
5 uses of a student's social security number by
6 state universities, community colleges, and
7 public postsecondary technical centers;
8 prohibiting public disclosure; providing
9 exceptions; requiring the development and
10 implementation of a plan by each state
11 university, community college, and public
12 postsecondary technical center; providing for
13 injunctive relief; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Section 1004.09, Florida Statutes, is
18 created to read:

19 1004.09 Improper use of social security numbers.--

20 (1) No state university, community college, or public
21 postsecondary technical center shall:

22 (a) Use a social security number as an identification
23 number to publicly identify a student. For purposes of
24 employment, financial aid, research, assessment,
25 accountability, transcripts, or as otherwise required by state
26 or federal law, a state university, community college, or
27 public postsecondary technical center may collect, use, and
28 report to the Department of Education a student's social
29 security number, as long as the social security number is not
30 publicly disclosed.

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1 (b) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner a
2 student's social security number. "Publicly post" or "publicly
3 display" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make
4 available to the general public. This paragraph does not apply
5 to records of the clerks of court which are governed by the
6 provisions of s. 119.07(3)(ff).

7 (c) Print a student's social security number on any
8 identification document issued by a state university,
9 community college, or public postsecondary technical center.
10 An identification document includes, but is not limited to, a
11 professional license, student identification card, driver's
12 license, Medicaid card, or health insurance card.

13 (d) Require a student to transmit his or her social
14 security number over the Internet unless the connection is
15 secure and the social security number is encrypted.

16 (e) Require a student to use his or her social
17 security number to access an Internet website unless a
18 password or unique personal identification number or other
19 authentication device is also required to access the Internet
20 website.

21 (2) Each state university, community college, and
22 public postsecondary technical center shall develop a plan to
23 implement the requirements of subsection (1) which shall apply
24 to students enrolled after July 1, 2005. The plan shall
25 include provisions for educating staff regarding the proper
26 and improper uses of social security numbers. The plan shall
27 be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
28 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1,
29 2005, and shall be implemented no later than July 1, 2005.

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1 (3) Beginning July 1, 2005, any affected student may
2 petition the circuit court for an order directing compliance
3 with this section.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 Senate Bill 1218

9 The committee substitute provides for exceptions to the
10 prohibited uses of a student's social security number for
11 purposes of employment, financial aid, research, assessment,
12 accountability, transcripts, or as otherwise required by state
13 or federal law if the student's social security number is not
14 publicly disclosed. The committee substitute requires public
15 postsecondary technical centers to comply with the provisions
16 of the bill.
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