Date of Hearing: April 9, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair AB 2666 (Medina) – As Amended April 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Department of Motor Vehicles: interagency agreement: career technical education program students

SUMMARY: Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to enter into an interagency agreement with the Employment Development Department (EDD), the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the State Department of Education (DOE) for the purposes of assisting those entities in identifying students who participate in career technical education programs so that those entities may be able to measure the employment outcomes of those students and recommend how those programs may be improved.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Requires DMV to have a section for the applicant's social security number on the application for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card.
- 2) Prohibits DMV from including the applicant's social security number on a driver's license, identification card, registration, certificate of title, or any other document issued by the department.
- 3) Provides that an applicant's social security number, or ineligibility for a social security number, is not a public record and shall not be disclosed by the department except for any of the following circumstances:
 - a) Responding to a request for information from an agency operating pursuant to, and carrying out the provisions of, Block Grants to States for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Child Support and Establishment of Paternity.
 - b) Responding to information requests from the Franchise Tax Board for the purpose of tax administration.
 - c) Responding to the State Controller's Office for the purpose of making an offset for an amount overdue and unpaid for a fine, penalty, assessment, bail, vehicle parking penalty, or court-ordered reimbursement for court-related services, from a person or entity, against any amount owing the person or entity by a state agency on a claim for a refund from the Franchise Tax Board under the Personal Income Tax Law or the Bank and Corporation Tax Law, from winnings in the California State Lottery, or a cash payment of a claim for unclaimed property held by the state.

Existing federal law prohibits a state department of motor vehicles from knowingly disclosing a person's social security number except for certain purposes, including, for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a Federal, State, or local agency in carrying out its functions.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS:

Purpose: According to the author, "Currently the CCC and CDE do not have access to wage data for recent high school graduates and students attending Adult School at a K-12 school. This data is helpful as it provides additional information on career readiness and assist CCC and CDE in evaluating programs like Career Technical Education (CTE). This data includes the number and percent of students who enter the workforce directly from high school and community college, the work sector, and wages. In order to obtain the most accurate data for wage outcomes of students, AB 2666 requires DMV to enter into an interagency agreement with the EDD, CCC, and the CDE to access the data."

DMV and Privacy: In 1989, actress Rebecca Schaeffer was stalked and killed. The murderer obtained her address from a private investigation agency doing business in Arizona. The private investigation agency acquired her address through a subcontractor agent in California, who obtained it from DMV. In response, the Legislature enacted AB 1779 (Roos), Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1989, which made all home addresses in DMV records confidential, with limited exceptions.

Following in California's footsteps and also in response to the death of Rebecca Schaeffer, Congress passed in 1994 the Driver's Privacy and Protection Act of 1994, which placed restrictions on state DMVs from releasing applicant's personal information, including social security numbers, except in certain circumstances.

One of those circumstances is for other government agencies to carry out its functions. In this case, the author seeks to provide social security numbers to EDD, CCC, and DOE for identifying and tracking the progress of students in CTE.

Support: The Board of Governors for CCC, writing in support states, "Currently, the CCC, California State University, and University of California systems have the ability to track their graduates entering the workforce using a data matching agreement with the EDD. All three segments of higher education collect student Social Security Numbers (SSN), which is the key linking field for the EDD quarterly wage file. Since CDE does not collect SSNs, the records residing at the DMV are the most effective 'lookup' database that can facilitate the matching of records between CDE and EDD."

Double referral: This bill will be referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee should it pass out of this committee.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Board of Governors, California Community Colleges (Sponsor)
Department of Education (Sponsor)
Foothill — De Anza Community College District
Kern Community College District

Opposition

None on file

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