

**Subject** Higher Education: civil immigration enforcement

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## Overview

This bill creates a new section of statute limiting federal immigration officers' access to Minnesota postsecondary institutions. It also restricts access to certain kinds of student data under current laws.

## Summary

Section Description

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- 1 **Data Practices Act: When disclosure is permitted.**

Amends existing law allowing for disclosure of private educational data on students. Provides that educational data may not be disclosed pursuant to a subpoena for law enforcement purposes (including civil immigration enforcement) unless required by a judicial order or judicially issued subpoena.
- 2 **Data Practices Act: Directory information.**

Stipulates an institution cannot designate as public directory information any data the might indicate that a student is not a U.S. citizen or national. Directory information is educational data that an educational institution has designated as publicly available under applicable state and federal laws.
- 3 **Limits on access by federal immigration officers.**

**Subd. 1. Applicability.** States that the bill applies to all public postsecondary institutions and to private postsecondary institutions that offer in-person courses on a campus in Minnesota.

**Subd. 2. Definition.** Defines "federal immigration officer."

**Subd. 3. Limits on access.** Prohibits postsecondary institutions from allowing federal immigration officers to enter the campus without a judge-issued warrant. Requires notification of an institution's president or chief administrative official if federal immigration officers request to enter or are discovered on the institution's campus.



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