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This bill authorizes the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to match individual student records with the student's financial aid data in order to audit or evaluate existing federal or state-supported education programs. The bill does not authorize the collection of additional new data; it only would permit the data matching and use with data that the office already holds, or which it is authorized to collect under current law. Specific databases that may be used are specified in the bill.

Any studies conducted by the office must be conducted in a manner that would not reveal the personal identification of a particular student or parent, except to a representative of the office.