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Virginia Police to Get Access to Student Information

According to the June 20, 2006, Washington Post, recently enacted state legislation will require all colleges and universities in Virginia to submit the names and social security numbers of those students they have accepted but not enrolled to the State Police for cross-checking against the Commonwealth's sexual offender registry.

"The Virginia law skirts federal prohibitions on disseminating student information by requiring colleges to turn over data after students have been accepted but before they have picked a school and enrolled. Advocates said it will help police track the whereabouts of those who have committed sex crimes and alert college authorities to the presence of such people among students."

Once students are enrolled, they are covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

According to Virginia State Police Superintendent, W. Steven Flaherty, the information will be bounced against the sex offender registry. "If we don't get a hit, we don't keep the information."

I (Jeff) think it reasonable to presume that the information will also be run through NCIC and thereby, the Terrorist Screening Center. I cannot confirm this at present; it's just my presumption.

I hope this information is useful to you!

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