



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Department Data System

- Requires the Department to send out an RFP to procure a data system that would be able to track students and outcomes in real time.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1. Section 256.9(11)

Strikes subsection and says the Director of the Dep. Of Ed. shall approve, coordinate and supervise the use of electronic data and information processing by each district, AEAs and merged areas, including the procurement of a comprehensive, statewide data collection system that must facilitate data collection between the student information systems of all school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and AEAs. The director shall procure the system using a process that requires the issuance of requests for proposal.

The data collection system must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be designed to the purpose of establishing standardized electronic data collections and reporting protocols that facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements.
- Maintain the confidentiality of student and staff data.
- Provide for, and improve the process of, the electronic transfer of individual student records between attendance centers, school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, AEAs, postsecondary institutions, merged areas and the dept.
- Be designed to ensure compatibility with any student information systems utilized by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools or AEAs.
  - The Department and the developer must allow a district, accredited nonpublic schools, or AEA to purchase a SIS from the developer that maintains a shared database architecture with the data collection system, provided that use of the data collection system shall not require or depend upon the purchase of any specific student information system.
- Validate data for accuracy prior to a school district, or accredited nonpublic school, or AEA submitting the data to the Department.
- Allow the Dept., school districts, accredited nonpublics, and AEAs to communicate regarding state reporting within the data collection system.
- Be hosted by the developer to reduce the burden on the Dept., school districts, accredited nonpublics, and the AEAs associated with maintaining the data collection system.
- Support the collection and validation of information required to be maintained under federal and state law, including all of the following:
  - School and classroom attendance records.

- Student enrollment counts and related demographic information.
- Participation data for federally funded and state funded educational systems.
- Student and employee demographic information.
- Student assessment scores for state-required assessments.
- Special education records and individualized education program information, as required by IDEA.
- English learner identification, program participation, and progress monitoring data.
- Student discipline records and incident reports.
- Dropout verification and graduation confirmation data.
- School and district academic calendar information.
- Collects and distributes only the data required under state law and the minimum amount of data necessary to enroll and serve new students from another school or educational institution.
- Ensure the data maintained in the data collection system is the property of the school district, accredited nonpublic school, or AEA, as applicable, and is not the property of the Department.

Section 2. Department of education—Modernization of Electronic Systems

The department shall modernize their electronic systems to ensure all of the following:

- Proper disbursement of moneys in a timely manner by increasing the ease and frequency of reporting submissions and collections throughout the school year.
- The Department’s systems are able to communicate with other state agencies, districts, nonpublics, charters, to better identify need for students.

Modernization must include the deployment of a portal on or before July 1, 2027 which satisfies all of the following requirements:

- Allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to do all of the following:
  - Validate prior submission of data to the department.
  - Perform a cross-district enrollment check prior to submission of information.
  - Embed the communication tools between the department and other schools.
- Provide schools with access to a data dictionary that updates automatically.
- Includes a calendar with key dates.
- Is hosted by the developer to reduce the burden on the department.
- Collects and distributes only the data required under state law and the minimum amount of data necessary to enroll and serve new students from another school or educational institution.
- Ensures that the information maintained in the portal is the property of the school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school that submitted information and is not the property of the Dept. of Ed.

### **Amendment Analysis**

**Amendment H-8053 by Gehlbach**—ensure the Director will issue the RFP as soon as reasonably possible with the effective upon enactment date.