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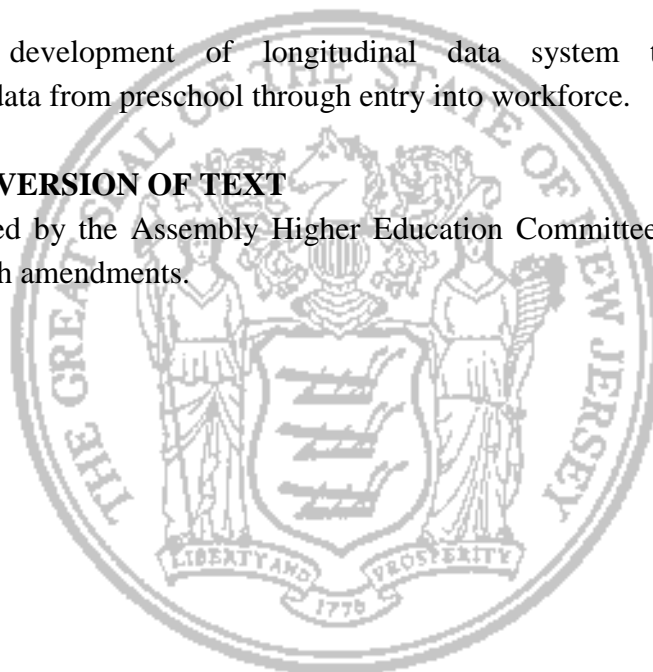
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SYNOPSIS

Requires development of longitudinal data system that maintains individuals' data from preschool through entry into workforce.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on September 18, 2014, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT requiring the establishment of a Statewide longitudinal
2 data system and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. ¹~~1~~ **[a.** There is established in the Office of the **]** The¹ Secretary
9 of Higher Education ¹,¹ the ¹Commissioner of Education, and the
10 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall jointly
11 establish a¹ P-20 Longitudinal Data System ¹**[Task Force]** Working
12 Group¹. The purpose of the ¹**[task force]** working group¹ shall be
13 to develop ¹**[policies and recommendations regarding the**
14 **development of the]** a¹ student-level longitudinal data system
15 established pursuant to section 2 of this act. The ¹**[task force]**
16 working group¹ shall ¹**[develop policies and recommendations on]**
17 determine¹ the following matters:

18 ¹**[(1)]** a. the¹ data elements to be maintained in the longitudinal
19 data system;

20 ¹**[(2)]** b.¹ the process by which entities will submit information
21 to the data system;

22 ¹**[(3)]** c. the¹ measures to be taken to ensure that all data in the
23 longitudinal data system are secure and that individuals' privacy is
24 not compromised;

25 ¹**[(4)]** d. the development of¹ analytic reports that will be
26 created using information stored in the longitudinal data system;
27 and

28 ¹**[(5)]** e.¹ the feasibility of collecting postsecondary education
29 and employment data for inclusion in the longitudinal data system
30 of individuals who graduated from a public secondary school in the
31 State and subsequently moved out-of-State.

32 ¹**[b.** The task force shall consist of 17 members as follows:

33 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee, who shall
34 serve ex officio;

35 (2) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee, who shall
36 serve ex officio;

37 (3) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or
38 a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

39 (4) the chief technology officer of the Office of Information
40 Technology, who shall serve ex officio; and

41 (5) 13 members to be appointed by the Governor, including
42 three representatives of four-year public institutions of higher
43 education in the State, three representatives of county colleges in

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted September 18, 2014.

1 the State, two representatives of independent four-year institutions
2 of higher education in the State, and five public members who shall
3 have expertise in the development and maintenance of large data
4 systems and research in education and labor policy.

5 c. Members of the task force shall be appointed within 60 days
6 of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the
7 task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original
8 appointments were made. Members of the task force shall serve
9 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for the necessary
10 expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties as members
11 of the task force.

12 d. The Secretary of Higher Education, or the secretary's
13 designee, shall serve as the chair of the task force.

14 e. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall
15 provide stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistance,
16 and such professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its
17 work. The task force shall also be entitled to call to its assistance
18 and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State,
19 county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or
20 agency as it may require and as may be available to it for its
21 purposes.】¹

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23 2. a. No later than ¹【of】¹ the beginning of the 2015-2016
24 academic year, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the
25 Department of Education, and the Department of Labor and
26 Workforce Development shall enter into a memorandum of
27 understanding to develop a longitudinal data system that will
28 connect data records for individuals enrolled in State-funded
29 preschool programs, public elementary and secondary schools,
30 institutions of higher education located in the State, and employed
31 in the State. ¹【The】 At their discretion, the¹ data system
32 established pursuant to this section shall be capable of ¹【, at
33 minimum,】¹ the following:

34 (1) reducing, to the maximum extent possible, the data
35 collection burden on school districts and institutions of higher
36 education by using data submitted to the longitudinal data system
37 for multiple reporting and analysis functions;

38 (2) providing authorized officials with access to individual-level
39 data, summary reports, and data that may be integrated with
40 additional data maintained outside of the longitudinal data system
41 to inform education decision-making;

42 (3) enhancing existing school-to-postsecondary reporting
43 systems to inform school district officials, policymakers, and the
44 public about public school students' performance in postsecondary
45 institutions of higher education;

46 (4) improving student access to postsecondary educational
47 opportunities by linking student data to college and career planning
48 tools to facilitate the submission of transcript data and enabling the

1 transfer of student records to officials of an institution of higher
2 education to which a student seeks enrollment;

3 (5) establishing a publicly-available Internet website that
4 provides reports of data that are not confidential; and

5 (6) providing research and reports on the effectiveness of
6 specific programs and initiatives.

7 b. The longitudinal data system established pursuant ¹to¹ this
8 section ¹【shall contain, at minimum】 may include, but need not be
9 limited to¹, the following data elements:

10 (1) a unique identifier, other than an individual's social security
11 number or derived from an individual's social security number, that
12 allows for the merging of an individual's data as the individual
13 progresses through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary
14 education and employment;

15 (2) individual-level enrollment, demographic, and program
16 participation data;

17 (3) performance on each State assessment and reasons why an
18 individual did not participate in a State assessment;

19 (4) individual-level transcript information;

20 (5) information regarding an individual's status as a graduate or
21 a dropout of a secondary or postsecondary institution; and

22 (6) an individual's quarterly earnings when the individual is no
23 longer enrolled in an educational institution.

24 c. The longitudinal data system shall be operational no later
25 than the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year.

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27 3. Each public institution of higher education shall submit the
28 required data elements to the longitudinal data system in a manner
29 to be determined by the Secretary of Higher Education. The
30 secretary shall allow an independent institution of higher education
31 to submit data elements to the longitudinal data system, and
32 independent institutions of higher education are encouraged to do
33 so.

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35 ¹4. The working group established pursuant to section 1 of this
36 act shall submit a report to the Governor, and to the Legislature
37 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1). The report
38 shall contain information on the implementation and effectiveness
39 of the longitudinal data system, and on the need for State funds to
40 continue, expand, or modify the operations of the longitudinal data
41 system.¹

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43 ¹【4.】¹ 5.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.