



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1014**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING LONGITUDINAL STUDIES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-10a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a  
4 state-wide public school information system. The system shall be  
5 designed for the purpose of establishing a standardized electronic data  
6 collection and reporting protocol that will facilitate compliance with  
7 state and federal reporting requirements, improve school-to-school  
8 and district-to-district information exchanges, and maintain the  
9 confidentiality of individual student and staff data. The initial design  
10 shall focus on student information, provided the system shall be  
11 created to allow for future compatibility with financial, facility and  
12 staff data. The system shall provide for the tracking of the performance  
13 of individual students on each of the state-wide mastery examinations  
14 under section 10-14n in order to allow the department to compare the  
15 progress of the same cohort of students who take each examination  
16 and to better analyze school performance. The department shall assign  
17 a unique student identifier to each student prior to tracking the  
18 performance of a student in the public school information system.

19 (b) [The] Subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,

20 the system database of student information shall not be considered a  
21 public record for the purposes of section 1-210.

22 (c) [The department shall initiate a pilot system project not later  
23 than the 2002-2003 school year with full implementation in the school  
24 year following successful implementation of the pilot.] All school  
25 districts shall participate in the system, provided the department  
26 provides for technical assistance and training of school staff in the use  
27 of the system.

28 (d) Local and regional boards of education and preschool programs  
29 which receive state or federal funding shall participate, in a manner  
30 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, in the state-wide public  
31 school information system described in subsection (a) of this section.  
32 Participation for purposes of this subsection shall include, but not be  
33 limited to, reporting on (1) student experiences in preschool by  
34 program type and by numbers of months in each such program, and  
35 (2) the readiness of students entering kindergarten and student  
36 progress in kindergarten. Such reporting shall be done by October 1,  
37 2007, and annually thereafter.

38 (e) On and after August 1, 2009, upon receipt of a written request to  
39 access data maintained under this section, the department shall  
40 provide such data to public school officials, nonprofit organizations,  
41 researchers and educational policy-makers not later than thirty days  
42 after such request, provided such requesting party shall be responsible  
43 for the reasonable cost of such request. The Department of Information  
44 Technology shall monitor the calculation of such fees charged for  
45 access to or copies of such records to ensure that such fees are  
46 reasonable and consistent with those charged by other state agencies.  
47 The Department of Education shall respond to written requests under  
48 this section in the order in which they are received.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-10a
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**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*