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"AN ACT CONCERNING LONGITUDINAL STUDIES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 10-10a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a
6 state-wide public school information system. The system shall be
7 designed for the purpose of establishing a standardized electronic data
8 collection and reporting protocol that will facilitate compliance with
9 state and federal reporting requirements, improve school-to-school
10 and district-to-district information exchanges, and maintain the
11 confidentiality of individual student and staff data. The initial design
12 shall focus on student information, provided the system shall be
13 created to allow for future compatibility with financial, facility and
14 staff data. The system shall provide for the tracking of the performance

15 of individual students on each of the state-wide mastery examinations
16 under section 10-14n in order to allow the department to compare the
17 progress of the same cohort of students who take each examination
18 and to better analyze school performance. The department shall assign
19 a unique student identifier to each student prior to tracking the
20 performance of a student in the public school information system.

21 (b) The system database of student information shall not be
22 considered a public record for the purposes of section 1-210. Nothing
23 in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of a full-time
24 permanent employee of a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
25 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
26 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
27 States, as from time to time amended, and that is organized and
28 operated for educational purposes, to obtain information in accordance
29 with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.

30 (c) [The department shall initiate a pilot system project not later
31 than the 2002-2003 school year with full implementation in the school
32 year following successful implementation of the pilot.] All school
33 districts shall participate in the system, provided the department
34 provides for technical assistance and training of school staff in the use
35 of the system.

36 (d) Local and regional boards of education and preschool programs
37 which receive state or federal funding shall participate, in a manner
38 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, in the state-wide public
39 school information system described in subsection (a) of this section.
40 Participation for purposes of this subsection shall include, but not be
41 limited to, reporting on (1) student experiences in preschool by
42 program type and by numbers of months in each such program, and
43 (2) the readiness of students entering kindergarten and student
44 progress in kindergarten. Such reporting shall be done by October 1,
45 2007, and annually thereafter.

46 (e) On and after August 1, 2009, upon receipt of a written request to

47 access data maintained under this section by a full-time permanent
 48 employee of a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation
 49 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
 50 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
 51 as from time to time amended, and that is organized and operated for
 52 educational purposes, the Department of Education shall provide such
 53 data to such requesting party not later than sixty days after such
 54 request, provided such requesting party shall be responsible for the
 55 reasonable cost of such request. The Department of Information
 56 Technology shall monitor the calculation of such fees charged for
 57 access to or copies of such records to ensure that such fees are
 58 reasonable and consistent with those charged by other state agencies.
 59 The Department of Education shall respond to written requests under
 60 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	July 1, 2009	10-10a