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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TEACHER PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-10a of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Educator" means any certified professional employee below the
6 rank of superintendent employed by a local or regional board of
7 education for at least ninety days in a position requiring a certificate
8 issued by the State Board of Education;

9 (2) "Educator preparation program" means a planned sequence of
10 experiences provided by colleges and universities designed to qualify
11 an individual for professional certification as an educator, including,
12 but not limited to, an alternate route to certification program;

13 (3) "Effective teacher" means a certified teacher whose students
14 achieve acceptable rates of student growth, as calculated by the data

15 collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;

16 (4) "Highly effective teacher" means a certified teacher whose
17 students achieve high rates of student growth, as calculated by the
18 data collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;

19 (5) "Effective principal" means a certified principal whose students
20 achieve acceptable rates of student growth, as calculated by the data
21 collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;

22 (6) "Highly effective principal" means a principal whose students
23 achieve high rates of student growth, as calculated by the data
24 collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

25 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) The Department of Education shall develop and implement
26 a state-wide public school information system. The system shall be
27 designed for the purpose of establishing a standardized electronic data
28 collection and reporting protocol that will facilitate compliance with
29 state and federal reporting requirements, improve school-to-school
30 and district-to-district information exchanges, and maintain the
31 confidentiality of individual student and staff data. The initial design
32 shall focus on student information, provided the system shall be
33 created to allow for future compatibility with financial, facility and
34 staff data. The system shall provide for the tracking of the performance
35 of individual students on each of the state-wide mastery examinations
36 under section 10-14n in order to allow the department to compare the
37 progress of the same cohort of students who take each examination
38 and to better analyze school performance. The department shall assign
39 a unique student identifier to each student prior to tracking the
40 performance of a student in the public school information system.

41 (c) On or before July 1, 2012, the department shall, within available
42 appropriations, expand the state-wide public school information
43 system to perform the following functions:

44 (1) Link high school student performance data to postsecondary

45 school performance data to provide information about public school
46 student performance in post-secondary education;

47 (2) Connect the state-wide public school information system with
48 the data systems of public and independent institutions of higher
49 education in the state;

50 (3) Assign unique identifiers to all public school educators for
51 purposes of monitoring student performance in preschool, elementary
52 and secondary schools;

53 (4) Assign unique identifiers to each educator preparation program
54 and attach such unique identifier to the unique identifier for a public
55 school educator who has completed such educator preparation
56 program; and

57 (5) Collect student transcript information, such as information
58 regarding courses completed and grades received.

59 (d) Not later than July 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the
60 department shall make available the following information: (1) The
61 percentage of educators who completed an educator preparation
62 program and are employed by a local or regional board of education as
63 teachers in the state, who (A) have been classified as effective teachers,
64 and (B) have been classified as highly effective teachers; and (2) the
65 percentage of educators who completed an educator preparation
66 program and are employed by a local or regional board of education as
67 principals in the state, who (A) have been classified as effective
68 principals, and (B) have been classified as highly effective principals.

69 [(b)] (e) The system database of student information shall not be
70 considered a public record for the purposes of section 1-210. Nothing
71 in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of a full-time
72 permanent employee of a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
73 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
74 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United

75 States, as from time to time amended, and that is organized and
76 operated for educational purposes, to obtain information in accordance
77 with the provisions of subsection [(e)] (h) of this section.

78 [(c)] (f) All school districts shall participate in the system, provided
79 the department provides for technical assistance and training of school
80 staff in the use of the system.

81 [(d)] (g) Local and regional boards of education and preschool
82 programs which receive state or federal funding shall participate, in a
83 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, in the state-
84 wide public school information system described in subsection [(a)] (b)
85 of this section. Participation for purposes of this subsection shall
86 include, but not be limited to, reporting on (1) student experiences in
87 preschool by program type and by numbers of months in each such
88 program, and (2) the readiness of students entering kindergarten and
89 student progress in kindergarten. Such reporting shall be done by
90 October 1, 2007, and annually thereafter.

91 [(e)] (h) On and after August 1, 2009, upon receipt of a written
92 request to access data maintained under this section by a full-time
93 permanent employee of a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
94 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
95 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
96 States, as from time to time amended, and that is organized and
97 operated for educational purposes, the Department of Education shall
98 provide such data to such requesting party not later than sixty days
99 after such request, provided such requesting party shall be responsible
100 for the reasonable cost of such request. The Department of Information
101 Technology shall monitor the calculation of such fees charged for
102 access to or copies of such records to ensure that such fees are
103 reasonable and consistent with those charged by other state agencies.
104 The Department of Education shall respond to written requests under
105 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, 2010</i>	10-10a
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the state-wide public school information system to collect and analyze measures of student growth for purposes of monitoring teacher effectiveness.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]