



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 880

Senate, April 20, 2011

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR CERTAIN RECORDS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 10-10a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (h) On and after August 1, 2009, upon receipt of a written request to
5 access data maintained under this section by a full-time permanent
6 employee of a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation
7 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
8 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
9 as from time to time amended, and that is organized and operated for
10 educational purposes, the Department of Education shall provide such
11 data to such requesting party not later than sixty days after such
12 request, provided such requesting party shall be responsible for the

13 reasonable cost of such request. The Department of Information
14 Technology shall [monitor] create general guidelines for the
15 calculation of such fees charged for access to or copies of such records
16 to ensure that such fees are reasonable and consistent with those
17 charged by other state agencies. The Department of Education shall
18 respond to written requests under this section in the order in which
19 they are received.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	10-10a(h)

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) creating guidelines for calculating fees for the Public School Information System (PSIS), which the State Department of Education (SDE) administers. The DoIT already calculates fees that agencies charge under the Freedom of Information Act for access to computer-stored public records (CGS § 1-212(b)) and therefore has the expertise to calculate the new fees.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 880*****AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR CERTAIN RECORDS.*****SUMMARY:**

The law requires school districts to report student data to an online database called the Public School Information System (PSIS), which the State Department of Education (SDE) administers.

This bill removes the requirement that the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) monitor fees that SDE charges educational nonprofit organizations for access to, or copies of, PSIS records. It instead requires DOIT to create guidelines for calculating these fees. The guidelines must ensure the fees are reasonable and consistent with those charged by other state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (04/01/2011)