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(COMPANION TO LSB 1884SS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a study by the department of education relating
2 to implementation of a statewide student information system.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1884HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. STATEWIDE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM == STUDY.
1 2 The department of education shall conduct a study regarding
1 3 the development of a statewide student information system.
1 4 The objective of the system would be to develop and maintain a
1 5 statewide database of information relating to a student's
1 6 identity, educational history, academic performance,
1 7 achievements, honors, disciplinary actions, and any other
1 8 information, including medical and social service-related
1 9 information, to be provided as established by rule or
1 10 determined relevant by the school district submitting the
1 11 information to the database. The goal of the system would be
1 12 to facilitate the transfer of information regarding a student
1 13 from one grade, educational institution, or school district to
1 14 another, thereby enhancing the likelihood of a smooth
1 15 transition for the student into a new educational environment,
1 16 and assisting school administration officials in providing the
1 17 best possible environment for maximizing the student's
1 18 academic and interpersonal success and identifying in advance
1 19 potential issues of concern. In conducting the study, the
1 20 department shall obtain and evaluate information relating to
1 21 similar systems in other states, and shall address the merits
1 22 of such a system, the feasibility of implementing the system,
1 23 and potential confidentiality issues and a procedure for
1 24 addressing them. The department shall submit a report to the
1 25 general assembly by January 15, 2008, regarding its findings
1 26 and conclusions.

EXPLANATION

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1 28 This bill requires the department of education to conduct a
1 29 study relating to the development of a statewide student
1 30 information system.

1 31 The bill provides that the objective of the system would be
1 32 to develop and maintain a statewide database of specified
1 33 information relating to a student, with the goal of
1 34 facilitating the transfer of information regarding a student
1 35 from one grade, educational institution, or school district to
2 1 another, thereby enhancing the student's chances for academic
2 2 and interpersonal success in making the transition and
2 3 assisting school administration officials in helping the
2 4 student and identifying in advance potential issues of
2 5 concern. In conducting the study, the bill states that the
2 6 department shall analyze information relating to similar
2 7 systems in other states, and shall address the merits of such
2 8 a system, the feasibility of implementing the system, and
2 9 potential confidentiality issues. A report of findings and
2 10 conclusions shall be submitted by the department to the
2 11 general assembly by January 15, 2008.
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