

House File 2124 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the duties of the department of education
2 related to electronic systems.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 11, Code 2026, is
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof
3 the following:

4 11. a. Approve, coordinate, and supervise the use of
5 electronic data and information processing by school districts,
6 area education agencies, and merged areas, including the
7 procurement or development of a single, comprehensive, statewide,
8 data collection system that is required to be used by all school
9 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and area education
10 agencies.

11 b. The data collection system described in paragraph "a" must
12 satisfy all of the following requirements:

13 (1) Be designed for the purpose of establishing standardized
14 electronic data collections and reporting protocols that
15 facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting
16 requirements.

17 (2) Improve school-to-school and district-to-district
18 information exchanges.

19 (3) Maintain the confidentiality of student and staff data.

20 (4) Provide for the electronic transfer of individual student
21 records between attendance centers, school districts, accredited
22 nonpublic schools, area education agencies, postsecondary
23 institutions, merged areas, and the department.

24 (5) (a) Be designed to ensure compatibility with any student
25 information system utilized by school districts, accredited
26 nonpublic schools, or area education agencies.

27 (b) The developer of the software must allow a school
28 district, accredited nonpublic school, or area education agency
29 to purchase a student information system from the developer that
30 maintains a shared database architecture with the data collection
31 system.

32 (6) Validate data for accuracy prior to a school district,
33 accredited nonpublic school, or area education agency submitting
34 the data to the department.

35 (7) Allow the department, school districts, accredited

1 nonpublic schools, and area education agencies to communicate
2 regarding state reporting within the data collection system.

3 (8) Be hosted by the developer of the software to reduce the
4 burden on the department, school districts, accredited nonpublic
5 schools, and area education agencies associated with maintaining
6 the data collection system.

7 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — MODERNIZATION OF
8 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS.

9 1. The department of education shall modernize the
10 department's electronic systems and procedures in order to ensure
11 all of the following:

12 a. The proper disbursement of moneys in a timely manner by
13 increasing the ease and frequency of reporting submissions and
14 collections throughout the school year.

15 b. That the department's systems are able to communicate
16 with other state agencies, and with school districts, nonpublic
17 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools, to better
18 identify needs for students and prepare students for the future
19 workforce.

20 2. The modernization described in subsection 1 must include
21 the deployment of a portal, on or before July 1, 2027, which
22 satisfies all of the following requirements:

23 a. Allows school districts, nonpublic schools, charter
24 schools, and innovation zone schools to do all of the following:

25 (1) Validate the prior submission of data to the department.

26 (2) Perform a cross-district enrollment check prior to the
27 submission of information.

28 (3) Embed the communication tools between the department and
29 other school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and
30 innovation zone schools.

31 b. Provides school districts, nonpublic schools, charter
32 schools, and innovation zone schools with access to a data
33 dictionary that updates automatically.

34 c. Includes a calendar with key dates.

35 d. Is hosted by the developer of the software to reduce the

1 burden on the department associated with maintaining the portal.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill modifies the duties of the department of education
6 (DE) related to electronic systems.

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The bill requires the director of DE to approve, coordinate,
8 and supervise the use of electronic data and information
9 processing by school districts, area education agencies, and
10 merged areas, including the procurement or development of a data
11 collection system that is required to be used by all school
12 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and area education
13 agencies. The bill establishes requirements that the data
14 collection system must satisfy.

15 The bill requires that DE modernize its electronic systems and
16 procedures in order to ensure the proper disbursement of moneys
17 in a timely manner and to ensure that DE's systems are able to
18 communicate with other state agencies, and with school districts,
19 nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.
20 The modernization must include the deployment of a portal, on or
21 before July 1, 2027, which satisfies requirements established in
22 the bill.