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A Bill

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SENATE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STATE DATA INTEGRATION
10 SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ESTABLISH THE STATE DATA INTEGRATION
15 SYSTEM.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, is amended to add an
21 additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 10 – State Data Integration System

6-60-1001. State Data Integration System.

25 (a)(1) A public institution of higher education within Arkansas shall
26 develop and maintain the State Data Integration System.

(2) The State Data Integration System shall:

28 (A) Allow stakeholders and policymakers access to
29 statistics and reports on state residents from birth to age at entry into the
30 Arkansas workforce in order to drive accountability and investment decisions;

31 (B) Include data from multiple state agencies and
32 entities, including without limitation:

33 (i) The Department of Health;

34 (ii) The Department of Education;

35 (iii) The Department of Workforce Services;

36 (iv) The Department of Human Services; and

1 (v) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
2 Board; and

3 (C) Provide a tool to develop policies to support state
4 objectives, including without limitation:

5 (i) Enabling Arkansans to secure and retain
6 employment as well as receive better wages after completing training or
7 postsecondary degrees;

8 (ii) Enabling Arkansans to meet the education and
9 job skill demands of business and industry;

10 (iii) Developing an early warning system for
11 improving graduation rates for secondary education and higher education;

12 (iv) Identifying teaching methods and programs that
13 lead to positive student outcomes; and

14 (v) Encouraging the sharing of electronic data
15 across educational and state entities.

16 (b) A state agency or entity under subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this
17 section shall send data from its internal data system to the State Data
18 Integration System.

19 (c) The State Data Integration System shall be patterned on an
20 existing system that is housed, developed, and maintained by the National
21 Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center at Mississippi State
22 University.

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24 6-60-1002. State Data Integration Governing Board.

25 (a) The State Data Integration System shall operate subject to the
26 supervision and control of the State Data Integration Governing Board.

27 (b)(1) The board shall consist of a representative from each state
28 agency or entity that provides data to the system.

29 (2) If a state agency or entity provides data to the system, a
30 representative from that state agency or entity shall be added to the board.

31 (c) The board shall select one (1) of its members as chair.

32 (d) The board may contract with a third party to manage and maintain
33 the system and to insure the policies, procedures, and rules are enforced.

34 (e) This subchapter does not prevent a state agency or entity from
35 maintaining control of the data of that state agency or entity.

36 (f) All data provided to the system shall be in accordance with all

1 local laws, state laws, and federal laws governing the protection and sharing
2 of the data.

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4 6-60-1003. Duties of the State Data Integration Governing Board.

5 The State Data Integration Governing Board shall:

6 (1) Promulgate rules governing the activities of the State Data
7 Integration System in accordance with all applicable state law and federal
8 law;

9 (2) Identify critical research and policy questions to be
10 addressed by education and workforce entities and other public stakeholders;

11 (3) Identify reports and other information that should be
12 available to education and workforce entities and other public stakeholders;

13 (4) Develop a funding mechanism for sustaining the State Data
14 Integration System after the initial development;

15 (5) Define and maintain standards for privacy, confidentiality,
16 and security of data;

17 (6) Perform other advisory functions as necessary for the
18 continuation and management of the system; and

19 (7) Submit a report to the Legislative Council annually that
20 includes without limitation:

21 (A) The implementation status of the system;

22 (B) The activities of the board;

23 (C) Key results and milestones of the system; and

24 (D) Other information deemed relevant to the board.

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26 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Selection of Public Institution of Higher
27 Education to Implement the State Data Integration System.

28 No later than five (5) days after the effective date of this act, the
29 Governor shall select a public institution of higher education to implement
30 this act.