

HB563
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Garofalo

*Prior to 2014,
LA qualified for grant
funding to develop and
enhance its state
longitudinal data-
sharing system (SLDS):*

*2009 Institute of
Education Sciences
2009 SLDS Grant*

\$7,315,000

*2013 U.S. DOE
SLDS Grant*

\$4,056,510



Student Data Privacy, Longitudinal Analysis

THE GOAL

This bill balances student data privacy demands with the need for longitudinal data analysis to allow for data-driven decision-making with regard to policies to improve educational outcomes for Louisiana's students.

THE CHALLENGE

- Well-intended student data protection law passed in 2014 has stripped Louisiana of the ability to collect current and consistent data sets to aid with Legislative decision-making and agency policy-making.
- Lack of longitudinal data sharing disqualifies the state from applying for and earning millions of federal grant dollars. Based on our former data system, Louisiana received Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grants from U.S. Department of Education totaling \$11+ million.
- At present 40 agencies in 34 states can access longitudinal K-12, postsecondary and workforce data elements (Strong Foundations, 2020).
- House Concurrent Resolution 33 (2020 Regular Session) called for a report on the existing data sharing-structure, its shortcomings, the impact of its shortcomings, and the longitudinal data system best practices of other states. The report has generated bipartisan interest in revisiting the state's student data privacy statute.

THE OPPORTUNITY

- The need for "cradle to career" data to measure the effectiveness of a state's educational programs cannot be overstated. This bill is a first step toward a collaborative process to establish the cross-agency-only data sharing, which will make such efficiencies possible.
- Data sharing will provide accountability, enabling citizens to see the outcomes of the educational programs their tax dollars afford.



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