

Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school districts; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; deleting provisions that require each district school board to reduce paperwork and data collection and report its findings and potential solutions on reducing burdens associated with such collection; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; requiring that the Commissioner of Education monitor and review the collection of paperwork, data, and reports by school districts; requiring that the commissioner complete an annual review of such collection by a specified date each year; requiring that the commissioner prepare a report, by a specified date each year, assisting the school districts with eliminating or consolidating paperwork, data, and reports by providing suggestions, technical assistance, and guidance; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsections (24), (25), and (26) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2009-3, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

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1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.-The district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

(24) REDUCE PAPERWORK AND DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING



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REQUIREMENTS. - Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year:

- (a) Each district school board shall designate a classroom teacher to serve as the teacher representative to speak on behalf of the district's teachers regarding paperwork and data collection reduction.
- (b) Each district school board must provide the school community with an efficient method for the school community to communicate with the classroom teacher designee regarding possible paperwork and data collection burdens and potential solutions.
- (c) The teacher designee shall annually report his or her findings and potential solutions to the school board.
- (d) Each district school board must submit its findings and potential solutions to the State Board of Education by September 1 of each year.
- (e) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report of the statewide paperwork and data collection findings and potential solutions and submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1 of each year.
- (24) (25) EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.—On or after February 1, 2009, a district school board may not enter into an employment contract that is funded from state funds and that requires the district to pay an employee an amount in excess of 1 year of the employee's annual salary for termination, buy-out, or any other type of contract settlement.
- (25) (26) ADOPT RULES.—Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.
 - Section 2. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of



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section 1008.31, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and new paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to that subsection, to read:

1008.31 Florida's K-20 education performance accountability system; legislative intent; mission, goals, and systemwide measures; data quality improvements.-

- (3) K-20 EDUCATION DATA QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS.-To provide data required to implement education performance accountability measures in state and federal law, the Commissioner of Education shall initiate and maintain strategies to improve data quality and timeliness. All data collected from state universities shall, as determined by the commissioner, be integrated into the K-20 data warehouse. The commissioner shall have unlimited access to such data solely for the purposes of conducting studies, reporting annual and longitudinal student outcomes, and improving college readiness and articulation. All public educational institutions shall provide data to the K-20 data warehouse in a format specified by the commissioner.
- (c) The commissioner shall continuously monitor and review the collection of paperwork, data, and reports by school districts and complete an annual review of such collection no later than June 1 of each year. The annual review must include recommendations for consolidating paperwork, data, and reports, wherever feasible, in order to reduce the burdens on school districts.
- (d) By July 1 of each year, the commissioner shall prepare a report assisting the school districts in eliminating or consolidating paperwork, data, and reports by providing suggestions, technical assistance, and guidance.



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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.