

(replaces fiscal note dated March 13, 2007)

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TITLE: CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL

DATA INFRASTRUCTURE.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008: See State Appropriations section.

School District Impact: None

Summary of Legislation

Beginning July 1, 2008, this reengrossed bill requires the Office of Information Technology (OIT) in the Office of the Governor, to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a comprehensive assessment of the current data technology system within the Department of Education. The assessment shall be performed subject to available appropriations, and will provide a baseline indicating the current data technology system's capabilities which clearly identifies specific areas in need of improvement.

On or before December 1, 2008, the Department of Education will report the findings and recommendations of the assessment to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Educational Data Advisory Committee, and the State Charter School Institute.

The bill requires that in presenting its budget request to the Joint Budget Committee for FY 2008-09, the OIT shall request funding to conduct the comprehensive review and study of statewide data collections and infrastructure. Further, the bill directs OIT to identify appropriate funding sources.

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State Expenditures

The bill will not affect state expenditures for FY 2007-08. Based on discussions with private consultants, OIT estimates that a comprehensive assessment of the current data technology system within the Department of Education using outside sources will require \$150,000 in FY 2008-09. Any additional workload for OIT to issue the RFP and to provide support services regarding the RFP process and the final report will occur within the budgeted resources of OIT.

The bill states that the assessment shall be performed subject to available appropriations which will come through a budget request from the Governor's Office. The bill declares that the comprehensive review and study of statewide data collections and infrastructure is an appropriate use of funds from the State Education Fund. The bill, however, does not require that funding for the assessment come from the State Education Fund. Therefore, this fiscal note assumes that funding in FY 2008-09 will come from the State Education Fund, the General Fund, or some combination of the two.

State Appropriations

The fiscal note implies that no new appropriation for FY 2007-08 is required to implement the bill.

Departments Contacted

Education Governor's Office