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SENATE BILL **583-FN**

AN ACT directing the department of education to create an education funding transparency data and reporting system.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Education Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of education to create an education funding transparency data and reporting system and makes an appropriation therefor.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Education; The State School Organization; Funding Data and Transparency
2 Reporting System. Amend RSA 186 by inserting after section 77 the following new section:

3 186:77-a Funding Data and Transparency Reporting System.

4 I. The department of education shall create an education funding data and transparency
5 reporting system (system). The system shall include a longitudinal data system incorporating, at a
6 minimum, data on basic education funding allocations, disbursements, and expenditures over the
7 past 10 years disaggregated at the intermediate unit, district, and school levels. The department
8 shall create data visualization dashboards to simulate changes to the funding formula, including
9 changing weights and measures of funding allocations and distributions of funds based on school
10 characteristics. Data visualization dashboards shall be accessible to the appropriate staff at state
11 entities, including the legislature and governor's office.

12 II. The education funding data and transparency reporting system shall:

13 (a) Be agnostic regarding data type and capable of accessing and integrating any data
14 type from any data system across participating feeder systems from partner entities;

15 (b) Have advanced data management capabilities to clean and prepare data, create
16 master records, and flag any errors or missing data;

17 (c) Have automated data governance capabilities to audit and track the lineage of data
18 edits and changes made by different authorized users;

19 (d) Have advanced analytics functionality, including data mining and machine learning
20 capabilities to analyze the longitudinal data for program evaluation, predictive analytics for
21 forecasting and projections into the future, and natural language processing for allowing partner
22 entities to analyze large volumes of text found in surveys, grants, accreditation reports, and other
23 text-heavy documents;

24 (e) Have business intelligence capabilities for partner entities to easily generate
25 reporting and visualizations through a low code or no code drag and drop interface;

26 (f) Include public-facing dashboards that only include aggregate-level data that is
27 appropriate for the general public to view;

28 (g) Include restricted dashboards and environments for partner entities to view data
29 that is subject to the protections of 20 U.S.C. § 1232, with role-based permissions;

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1 (h) Support data exchanges and interoperability with the department of education,
2 general court, governor's office, and other existing data systems in this state to be identified by the
3 department; and

4 (i) Ensure routine and ongoing compliance with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and other relevant
5 privacy laws and policies by:

6 (1) Using de-identified data in data research and public reporting;

7 (2) Implementing established policies regarding small cell suppression;

8 (3) Disposing of information that is no longer needed;

9 (4) Providing data security, including the capacity for audit trails;

10 (5) Performing regular audits for compliance with data privacy and security
11 standards; and

12 (6) Implementing guidelines and policies that prevent the reporting of any
13 potentially identifiable data.

14 III. The sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and for every year
15 thereafter, is hereby appropriated to the department of education for the purpose of operating and
16 maintaining an education funding transparency data and reporting system. These funds shall be
17 nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the
18 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

19 2 Appropriation; Funding Data and Transparency Reporting System. The sum of \$900,000 for
20 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of education for the
21 purpose of creating an education funding transparency data and reporting system. These funds
22 shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money
23 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

SB 583-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from the Department of Education. The Department was initially contacted on 10/14/25 for a fiscal note worksheet, with follow-up contact made on 12/5/25. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the Senate Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education