



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1250

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***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Each public institution of
2 higher education and such institution's central or system office, if any,
3 shall submit data to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data
4 System maintained by the United States Department of Education's
5 National Center for Educational Statistics in accordance with 20 USC
6 1094(a)(17), as amended from time to time. As used in this section,
7 "public institution of higher education" means the institutions of higher
8 education that comprise the constituent units of the state system of
9 higher education, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes.

10 Sec. 2. Section 10a-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

12 (a) As used in this section:

13 (1) ["Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce
14 Information Network" or "CP20 WIN"] "Preschool through Twenty and
15 Workforce Information Network" or "P20 WIN" means [the Preschool
16 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network maintained in the
17 state] a state integrated data system utilized for the purpose of matching

18 and integrating data of state agencies and other organizations to inform
19 policy and practice for education, workforce and supportive service
20 efforts.

21 [(2) "Data definitions" means the plain language descriptions of data
22 elements.

23 (3) "Data dictionary" means a listing of the names of a set of data
24 elements, their definitions and additional meta-data that does not
25 contain any actual data, but provides information about the data in a
26 data set.

27 (4) "Data elements" mean units of information that are stored or
28 accessed in any data system, such as a student identification number,
29 course code or cumulative grade point average.

30 (5) "Meta-data" means the information about a data element that
31 provides context for that data element, such as its definition, storage
32 location, format and size.]

33 [(6)] (2) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges
34 and Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the
35 Office of Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the
36 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges [or] and any entity
37 that has executed an enterprise memorandum of understanding for
38 participation in the [CP20] P20 WIN and has been approved for
39 participation pursuant to the terms of the enterprise memorandum of
40 understanding.

41 [(7) "Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information
42 Network" or "P20 WIN" means a state data system for the purpose of
43 matching and linking longitudinally data of state agencies and other
44 organizations to inform policy and practice for education, workforce
45 and supportive service efforts, including, but not limited to, the purpose
46 of conducting audits and evaluations of federal and state education
47 programs.]

48 [(8)] (3) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a
49 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how
50 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each
51 party within the data sharing process, [by which the same foundational
52 agreement may be used for new agencies to sign on to the data sharing
53 process and without having to re-sign as agencies sign on or off of such
54 agreement.]

55 (b) There is established a [Connecticut] Preschool through Twenty
56 and Workforce Information Network. [The purpose of the CP20] The
57 executive board of the P20 WIN, [is to] established pursuant to
58 subsection (d) of this section, shall establish processes and structures
59 governing the secure sharing of [critical longitudinal] data across
60 participating agencies, [through implementation of the standards and
61 policies of the Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information
62 Network.]

63 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall serve as the
64 administrator for P20 WIN to support the executive board and data
65 governing board, develop procedures for secure sharing and analysis of
66 data and provide program management to support the continued
67 operation and maintenance of P20 WIN, in accordance with the state
68 data plan and data sharing efforts specified in sections 4-67n and 4-67p;

69 [(c)] (d) The [CP20] P20 WIN shall be governed by an executive board
70 that shall provide oversight of such network. Said executive board shall
71 include, but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer of each
72 participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief Workforce
73 Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy
74 and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties of the
75 executive board shall be to:

76 (1) Advance a vision for the [CP20] P20 WIN including a prioritized
77 research agenda with support from the Office of Policy and
78 Management.

79 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing

80 board.

81 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain [CP20]
82 P20 WIN funding.

83 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement
84 by advocating for the [CP20] P20 WIN in regard to policy, legislation
85 and resources.

86 (5) Advocate and support the state's vision for the [CP20] P20 WIN.

87 [(6) Have overall fiscal and policy responsibility for the CP20 WIN.

88 (7) Ensure that, in any circumstances in which public funds or
89 resources are to be jointly utilized with those from private entities, such
90 arrangements are governed by appropriate agreements approved by the
91 Attorney General.]

92 [(8)] (6) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement
93 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not
94 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision
95 for [CP20] the P20 WIN and any applicable law. In establishing such
96 policies, the data governing board shall consult with the Office of Policy
97 and Management, in accordance with the provisions of [section]
98 sections 4-67n and 4-67p and other applicable statutes and policies.

99 [(d)] (e) The executive board established pursuant to this section may
100 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data
101 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas
102 that will advance the work of [CP20] the P20 WIN.

103 (f) (1) Each regional workforce development board established under
104 section 31-3k shall regularly submit data to the P20 WIN to report on the
105 performance and outcomes achieved by the state's workforce system,
106 including, but not limited to, workforce training and development
107 programs that receive federal and state funds or grants. Not later than
108 September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall, in consultation
109 with the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Data Officer and the regional

110 workforce development boards, establish standards for the submission
111 of data by regional workforce development boards specifying the data
112 to be submitted and the form and manner in which to submit such data.

113 [(e)] (2) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
114 Chief Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data
115 Officer and the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of
116 [CP20] the P20 WIN a request for data and analysis of such data for the
117 purposes of assessing performance and outcomes of the state's
118 workforce system. Such data and analysis request shall be completed by
119 the administrator of [CP20] the P20 WIN not later than August 15, 2022,
120 and annually thereafter.

121 (g) Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
122 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in
123 section 10a-1, and such constituent unit's central or system office, if any,
124 shall submit data to the P20 WIN to report on the outcomes of
125 postsecondary education and workforce development programs
126 operated by such constituent unit. Not later than September 1, 2025, the
127 Chief Data Officer shall establish standards for the submission of data
128 by such constituent unit and central or system office specifying the data
129 to be submitted and the form and manner in which to submit such data.
130 Any report produced from such data shall present be in aggregated
131 form and, consistent with any other provision of state or federal law,
132 shall not include any personally identifiable information of students or
133 participants in such programs.

134 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 4-68m of the general statutes is
135 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
136 *2025*):

137 (e) (1) At the request of the division, the Department of Correction,
138 the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Mental Health and
139 Addiction Services, the Department of Emergency Services and Public
140 Protection, the Chief Court Administrator, the executive director of the
141 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the Chief State's

142 Attorney, [and] the Chief Public Defender and each public institution of
143 higher education, as defined in section 1 of this act, shall provide the
144 division with information and data needed by the division to perform
145 its duties under subsection (b) of this section.

146 (2) The division shall have access to individualized records
147 maintained by the Judicial Branch and the agencies specified in
148 subdivision (1) of this subsection as needed for research purposes. The
149 division, in collaboration with the Judicial Branch and the agencies
150 specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop protocols to
151 protect the privacy of such individualized records consistent with state
152 and federal law. The division shall use such individualized records for
153 statistical analyses only and shall not use such records in any other
154 manner that would disclose the identity of individuals to whom the
155 records pertain.

156 (3) Any information or data provided to the division pursuant to this
157 subsection that is confidential in accordance with state or federal law
158 shall remain confidential while in the custody of the division and shall
159 not be disclosed.

160 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Board of Trustees of The University
161 of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in
162 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, shall each
163 examine said respective board's policies and procedures concerning
164 accounts receivable holds for students currently enrolled or seeking to
165 enroll in postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities.
166 Not later than January 1, 2026, said boards shall revise and update such
167 policies and procedures regarding release of accounts receivable holds
168 to ensure that incarcerated students can enroll in postsecondary
169 education programs without delay.

170 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 4-124w of the general statutes is
171 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
172 *2025*):

173 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer may call upon any office,

174 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education
 175 or other agency of the state to supply such reports, information, data
 176 and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate in order
 177 to carry out the Chief Workforce Officer's or the Office of Workforce
 178 Strategy's duties and requirements. Each officer or employee of such
 179 office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
 180 education or other agency of the state shall furnish such reports,
 181 information, data and assistance as requested by the Chief Workforce
 182 Officer, to the extent permitted under state and federal law. Any request
 183 for data from a participating agency in [CP20] P20 WIN, established
 184 pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall be submitted
 185 through [CP20] P20 WIN in accordance with the policies and procedures
 186 established by [CP20] P20 WIN.

187 Sec. 6. Subdivision (19) of subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general
 188 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 189 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

190 (19) To the extent allowable under federal law, return information to
 191 another state agency or to support a data request submitted through
 192 [CP20] P20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, as amended by this act,
 193 in accordance with the policies and procedures of [CP20] P20 WIN for
 194 the purposes of evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such
 195 data enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 4-67aa if
 196 such recipient is not a state agency;

197 Sec. 7. Subsection (e) of section 17b-112l of the general statutes is
 198 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 199 *2025*):

200 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority
 201 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in
 202 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary
 203 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer
 204 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and the [Connecticut] Preschool
 205 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, established

206 pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall develop a
207 uniform interagency data sharing protocol to remove legal barriers to
208 promote cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration under this section
209 to the fullest extent permitted under state and federal laws.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-57g
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4-68m(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4-124w(c)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	12-15(b)(19)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-112l(e)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(b), "subsection (c)" was changed to "subsection (d)" and in Section 3(e)(1), "section 2" was changed to "section 1" for accuracy.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*