
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1391

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY OF MULTILINGUAL LEARNER DATA.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the state-wide public school information system (PSIS) to include data on the (1) academic progress of students in bilingual education programs and (2) evaluation of these programs. By law, PSIS contains data related to each K-12 student and teacher in Connecticut public schools (see BACKGROUND). It contains both public information (e.g., school population and graduation rates) and confidential information (e.g., individual student and teacher information, such as teacher certifications and student mastery examination scores). School districts use the student data to evaluate their educational performance and growth.

Specifically, the bill requires this student data to include mastery examination results for students in bilingual education programs in order to monitor their academic progress. Existing law already requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to collect and disaggregate this data and report it annually to the Education Committee.

The bill adds to SDE's existing bill of rights for parents and guardians of multilingual learner students, the right of these students and their parents and guardians to access publicly available data on bilingual students and programs, which the bill requires to be added in the PSIS. By law, beginning with the 2024-25 school year, each school board that provides bilingual education or ESL must give parents and guardians a copy of the bill of rights, which currently includes 15 declarations related to bilingual education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

Public School Information System

State law requires SDE to develop and administer the PSIS to (1) establish a standardized electronic data collection and reporting protocol to comply with state and federal reporting requirements, (2) improve the exchange of information from school-to-school and district-to-district, and (3) maintain the confidentiality of individual student and teacher data. In addition to students and teachers, the system includes data on individual schools and districts and preschool children (CGS § 10-10a(b) & (c)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)