

PA 25-119—sSB 1250

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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

SUMMARY: This act:

- 1. makes numerous changes to the Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, or CP20WIN, including renaming it the Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, or P20WIN, to match current practice; codifying the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) as its administrator; and requiring regional workforce development boards, UConn, and the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) to submit certain data to the network (§ 2);
- 2. codifies a requirement that public higher education institutions (UConn and its campuses, the state universities, Connecticut State Community College, and Charter Oak State College), and their central or system offices, submit data to the federal integrated postsecondary education data system (IPEDS), which they currently do (IPEDS is a U.S. Department of Education system that compiles data from higher education institutions that participate in federal student financial aid programs) (§ 1);
- 3. requires these public higher education institutions to provide data, on request and in compliance with the federal Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), to OPM's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (CJPPD) when necessary for the division's duties (the division works with various state agencies to promote a more effective and cohesive criminal justice system) (§ 3);
- 4. requires the UConn Board of Trustees and Board of Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with OPM, to examine and, by January 1, 2026, update their policies and procedures on accounts receivable holds to ensure that students in prison can enroll in postsecondary programs without delay (§ 4); and
- 5. makes technical and conforming changes (§§ 2, 3 & 5-7).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

P20WIN

Network Purpose and Administration

The act makes minor and technical changes to the purposes of P20WIN. As under existing law, P20WIN is a state data system for matching data from state agencies and other organizations to inform policies and practices for education, workforce, and supportive service efforts.

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By law, P20WIN is governed by an executive board, which must, among other duties, establish a data governing board to make and implement policies related to cross-agency data management. The act specifically designates OPM as P20WIN's administrator to (1) support the executive board and data governing board, (2) develop procedures for secure sharing and analysis of data, and (3) provide program management to support the network's operation and maintenance. It must do so according to statutory requirements on data plans and data sharing.

The act makes several changes to the duties of the P20WIN executive board, including reducing the board's duties so that it no longer (1) has overall fiscal and policy responsibility for P20WIN or (2) must ensure that when public and private funds or resources are used together, it is under agreements approved by the attorney general.

Additionally, the act changes how entities become participating agencies with P20WIN. Generally, under existing law, any entity that executes an enterprise memorandum of understanding (MOU) may participate in the network. By law, this MOU is a foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each party within the data sharing process. The act no longer allows new agencies to sign on to an existing agreement.

Workforce Development Boards

The act requires regional workforce development boards to regularly submit data to P20WIN on the performance and outcomes of the state's workforce system, including workforce training and development programs receiving state or federal money. By September 1, 2025, the chief workforce officer must consult with the labor commissioner, chief data officer, and regional workforce boards to establish the type of data boards must submit and how they must do so.

UConn and CSCU

The act requires UConn and CSCU (and their central or system offices) to submit, in a way that complies with FERPA, data to P20WIN on the outcomes of their postsecondary education and workforce development programs. By September 1, 2025, the chief data officer must set the form and way that UConn and CSCU submit their data. UConn and CSCU must annually submit their data beginning by October 1, 2025. Any report produced from the data must be in aggregated form and without personally identifiable information of students or participants, consistent with state and federal law.