

HB 2018 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

As amended, this bill provides language necessary to transfer the Education Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) from the Chief Education Office to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The Chief Education Office is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2019. The amended language also insures that HECC may share data which is a primary purpose of the SLDS. All data is subject to strict confidentiality requirements and individual student information is identifiable.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 The amendment replaces the A Engrossed version of the bill with the language relating to the Statewide Longitudinal Data System transfer.

BACKGROUND:

The Education Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) was established to provide policy makers and others to determine the effectiveness of policy changes. The SLDS is a longitudinal data system, meaning it links data about students as they move through school and the workforce. Technology enables the system to provide these linkages without revealing the identity of any students. Currently it brings together data from early learning, K-12, post-secondary and the Employment Department and acts as a central hub where the data can be linked and analyzed.

The purpose of the SLDS is to improve student learning. Longitudinal data allows policy makers to clearly identify outcomes of programs across student populations and geographic regions. This helps the state pinpoint and address areas of inequities so it can better direct resources and funding to programs that are helping students succeed.