RESOLUTION FOR THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING INDIANA COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DATA REPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 500 (2015), Indiana Code 20-19-3.5-3, the Committee on School Data Reporting (Committee) was established to review all regulations or forms required or proposed by any state agency that seek to require a school to report data to a state agency or to the public.

WHEREAS, as part of its review, the Committee, in consultation with the department, shall review current collection of all qualified data from accredited schools and data collection requirements by any other public agency of the state from accredited schools. See IC 20-19-3.5-6

WHEREAS, with respect to current qualified data collections, the Committee shall review current qualified data collection requests and make the following recommendations to the state board: (1) whether to continue the qualified data collection; (2) ways or methods to streamline the qualified data collection or the data collection by another public agency; and, (3) the development of a standardized school improvement plan template for use by school corporations to prepare school improvement plans.

WHEREAS, during the August 25, 2015 meeting, the Committee voted to propose certain changes to certain data collections, to wit; (1) eliminate the Student Residence Report (DOE – SR) Collection, and, (2) reconfigure the Discipline Collection (DOE – ES).

WHEREAS, the Committee's recommendations are described in detail in the two memorandums attached and incorporated, herein, by reference.

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that the SBOE and the Indiana General Assembly adopt the proposed changes to the aforementioned data collections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SBOE approves the Committee's recommendations outlined in the memorandums incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Indiana State Board of Education recommends as follows:

1. that the the Student Residence Report (DOE – SR) Collection be eliminated; and,
2. that the Discipline Collection (DOE – ES) be reconfigured as described within the memorandum attached and referenced herein.

ADOPTED ON:

Discipline Collection (DOE – ES Collection)

Purpose of the Collection

The purpose of this data collection is to gather student suspension, expulsion, and arrest data including whether the incident involved bullying, gang related activity, or firearms. IC 20-34-6 requires the Department of Education (DOE) to submit arrest data to the Legislature Council and the Criminal Justice Institute annually. IC 20-34-6 requires the DOE to post bullying data online annually. IC 20-26-18 requires the DOE to submit gang related data to the Governor and the Indiana General Assembly. IC 20-20-40-13 requires the DOE to include Restraint and Seclusion instances on each school's Annual Performance Report (APR). IC 20-20-8-8- requires the DOE to include suspension and expulsion data on the APR.

Current Deadline

The submission deadline for the 2015-2016 school year is August 4, 2016, with the signoff deadline being September 5, 2016.

Recommendation

For the 2014-2015 school year, schools had to report their arrest and bullying data separate from their expulsion and suspension data. Furthermore, the gang and restraint/seclusion data are a new requirement. The DOE recommends changing the Discipline Collection for 2015-2016 school year to include the arrest, bullying, gang, and restraint/seclusion data into a single collection. The DOE also recommends adding additional type codes for theft, sexual misconduct, technology misuse, and non-deadly weapons to make the data more meaningful than using the type of "other".

Legislative Action Necessary

No legislative action necessary

Implementation Date of Change

These changes are ready to be made for the 2015-2016 school year.

Student Residence Report (DOE – SR Collection)

Purpose of the Collection

The purpose of this data collection is to gather student residence information on students enrolled in a Charter School for the current school year. This collection originally helped the Department of Education (DOE) to determine the Corporation of Legal Settlement of students. The Corporation of Legal Settlement was used to determine the first year state tuition support funding for new Charter Schools. The code citation for this collection is IC 20-24-7-2.

Current Deadline- September 18, 2015, and February 1, 2016 count dates

Phase 1: September 30, 2015 (signoff deadline October 14, 2015)
Phase 2: February 12, 2015 (signoff deadline February 26, 2015)

Recommendation

The state tuition support formula was changed for the 2015-2016 school year so that the first year funding for new Charter Schools is no longer dependent upon the Corporation of Legal Settlement of its students. Therefore, the DOE recommends elimination of the SR Data Collection.

Legislative Action Necessary

Since information regarding the Corporation of Legal Settlement is no longer necessary for use in the state tuition support formula, IC 20-24-7-2 would need to be altered to remove the requirement that the Charter School Organizer submit the following data elements:
1. The number of students enrolled in the charter school.
2. The name and address of each student.
3. The name of the school corporation in which the student has legal settlement.
4. The name of the school corporation, if any, that the student attended during the immediately preceding school year.
5. The grade level in which the student will enroll in the charter school.

Also, the provision requiring the department verify the accuracy of the reported information should also be removed.

Implementation Date of Change

If the General Assembly acts to remove this language in the 2016 session, this data collection can be removed before the 2016-2017 school year.