HOUSE BILL No. 2621

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning schools; prescribing curriculum standards; establishing an advisory council on curriculum content standards; providing restrictions on the collection of certain student and teacher data; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-1128.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. Neither the state department of education nor the state board of education shall expend any moneys to implement a statewide longitudinal data system or study with the purpose of monitoring or tracking any student post-high school graduation, or to compile the student's personal, non-academic information beyond what is necessary either for administrative functions directly related to the student's academic progress, for evaluation of education programs, or for compliance with express requirements of federal law.

New Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Biometric record" means a record of one or more measurable biological or behavioral characteristics that can be used for automated recognition of an individual, such as fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics or handwriting.
 - (2) "Department" means the state department of education.
- (3) "Education record" means those records that are directly related to a student or teacher and maintained by the state board or department.
- (4) "Personally identifiable information" includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (A) A student or teacher's name:
 - (B) the name of a student's parent or other family members;
 - (C) the address of a student or student's family:
 - (D) the address of a teacher;
- (E) a personal identifier, such as the student's or teacher's social security number, student's or teacher's number or biometric record:
- (F) any other indirect identifiers, such as the student's or teacher's date of birth, place of birth or mother's maiden name;
- (G) any other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student or teacher that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge

of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student or teacher with reasonable certainty; or

- (H) information requested by a person who the state board or department reasonably believes knows the identity of the student or teacher to whom the education record relates.
 - (5) "State board" means the state board of education.
- (b) (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), the state board, the department, a unified school district or local education agency shall not provide any personally identifiable information of any student or teacher to any federal agency, any Kansas state or local agency, state or local agency outside the state of Kansas, or any other organization or entity.
- (2) The state board, department, unified school district or local education agency may transfer personally identifiable information of any student or teacher to any federal agency, any Kansas state or local agency, state or local agency outside the state of Kansas, or any other organization or entity in the following circumstances:
- (A) A student or teacher requests, in writing, that the student's or teacher's personally identifiable information be transferred;
- (B) transferring the student's or teacher's personally identifiable information is required by law or court order;
- (C) transferring the teacher's personally identifiable information is for the purpose of wage reporting; or
- (D) the department enters into a contract with a vendor for the performance of functions for which the department would otherwise use its own employees, and the vendor agrees in writing to the terms and conditions contained in subsection (c).
- (c) Any vendor that enters into a contract pursuant to subsection (b) (2) must agree that it:
- (1) Will limit internal access to education records to those individuals who require access to those records for completion of the contract;
- (2) will not use the education records for any purposes other than those explicitly authorized in the contract;
- (3) will not disclose any personally identifiable information from education records to any other party:
- (A) Without the written consent of the parent or eligible student, or the affected teacher; or
- (B) unless required by statute or court order and the party provides a notice of the disclosure to the state agency, district, or institution that provided the information no later than the time the information is disclosed, unless providing notice of the disclosure is expressly prohibited by the statute or court order;
- (4) will maintain reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of the

personally identifiable student or teacher data in its custody;

- (5) will use encryption technologies to protect data while in motion or in its custody from unauthorized disclosure using a technology or methodology specified by the secretary of the U.S. department of health and human services in guidance issued under section 13402(H)(2) of Public Law 111-5;
- (6) has sufficient administrative and technical procedures to monitor continuously the security of personally identifiable student or teacher data in its custody;
- (7) will conduct a security audit annually and provide the results of that audit to each state agency, district or institution that provides education records or teacher records;
- (8) will provide the state agency, district or institution with a breachremediation plan acceptable to the state agency, district or institution before initial receipt of education records;
- (9) will report all suspected or actual security breaches to the state agency, district or institution that provided education records, and to parents of affected students and affected eligible students, as soon as possible, but not later than 48 hours after a suspected breach was known or would have been known by exercising reasonable diligence;
- (10) will pay all costs and liabilities incurred by the state agency, district or institution related to any security breach or unauthorized disclosure, including, but not limited to, the costs of responding to inquiries about the security breach or unauthorized disclosure, of notifying subjects of personally identifiable information about the breach, of mitigating the effects of the breach for the subjects of the personally identifiable information, and of investigating the cause or consequences of the security breach or unauthorized disclosure; and
- (11) will destroy or return to the state agency, district or institution all personally identifiable information in its custody upon request and at the termination of the contract. Destruction shall comply with the NISTPS800-88 standards of data destruction
- New Sec. 3. No unified school district, nor the state board of education, nor the state department of education shall implement any test, questionnaire, survey, statewide or national assessment or other examination, which collects any type of psychological data, including, but not limited to, noncognitive skills or attributes, psychological resources, mindsets, learning strategies, effortful control, attitudes, dispositions, social skills, or other interpersonal or intrapersonal resources, unless written consent has been received from the parent or guardian of the student stating otherwise.
- New Sec. 4. (a) The Kansas college and career ready standards for English language arts and literacy in history/social studies, science, and

 technical subjects adopted by the state board of education on October 12, 2010, are hereby declared null and void, and shall have no force and effect. On and after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, the state board of education shall only provide for statewide assessments for reading which are identical to the statewide assessments that were utilized by the state board of education in school year 2012-2013.

- (b) The Kansas college and career ready standards for mathematics adopted by the state board of education on October 12, 2010, are hereby declared null and void, and shall have no force and effect. On and after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, the state board of education shall only provide for statewide assessments for mathematics which are identical to the statewide assessments that were utilized by the state board of education in school year 2012-2013.
- (c) The common core state standards for mathematics and English language arts, including the Kansas enhancements to the standards referred to as the state 15% option, adopted by the state board of education on October 12, 2010, are hereby declared null and void, and shall have no force and effect.
- (d) The next generation science standards and the Kansas college and career ready standards for science adopted by the state board of education on June 11, 2013, are hereby declared null and void, and shall have no force and effect. On and after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, the state board of education shall only provide for statewide assessments for science which are identical to the statewide assessments that were utilized by the state board of education in school year 2012-2013.
- (e) The social, emotional, and character development standards adopted by the state board of education on April 17, 2012, and published in the Kansas social, emotional, and character development model standards by the state department of education on December 3, 2012, are hereby declared null and void, and shall have no force and effect.
- New Sec. 5. (a) There is hereby established an advisory council on curriculum content standards within the state department of education. The advisory council on curriculum content standards shall be advisory to the state board of education on the development and adoption of curriculum standards under K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto.
- (b) (1) The advisory council on curriculum content standards shall be comprised of 19 members as follows:
- (A) One member appointed by the state board of education who is serving as a curriculum director in a Kansas public school for kindergarten or grades one through 12, and such original member shall serve four years;
- (B) one member appointed by the president of the senate who is a parent of a student enrolled in any unified school district in Kansas, and such original member shall serve four years;

(C) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate who is a parent of a student enrolled in any unified school district in Kansas, and such original member shall serve four years;

- (D) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives who is a parent of a student enrolled in any unified school district in Kansas, and such original member shall serve two years;
- (E) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives who is a parent of a student enrolled in any unified school district in Kansas, and such original member shall serve two years;
- (F) one member appointed by the governor who is a parent of a student enrolled in any unified school district in Kansas, and such original member shall serve four years;
- (G) three members appointed by the state board of education who are licensed teachers with at least 10 years of teaching experience in the classroom in the core academic areas described in K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto, of which one member is serving or has served as a public elementary school teacher, one member is serving or has served as a public junior high or middle school teacher and one member is serving or has served as a public senior high school teacher, and such original members shall serve two years;
- (H) two faculty members appointed by the state board of regents, of which one member is serving in the mathematics department of a four-year college or university located in Kansas and one member is serving in the English department of a four-year college or university located in Kansas, and such original members shall serve four years;
- (I) one member appointed by the postsecondary technical education authority, as described in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-4481, and amendments thereto, and such original member shall serve two years;
- (J) one member appointed by the governor to represent the Kansas business community, and such original member shall serve four years;
- (K) one member appointed by the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on education who is either serving on a board of education of a unified school district or as a superintendent of schools, as described in K.S.A. 72-8202b, and amendments thereto, and such original member shall serve two years;
- (L) one member appointed by the ranking minority member of the house of representatives committee on education who is either serving on a board of education of a unified school district or as a superintendent of schools, as described in K.S.A. 72-8202b, and amendments thereto, and such original member shall serve two years;
- (M) one member appointed by the chairperson of the senate committee on education who is either serving on a board of education of a unified school district or as a superintendent of schools, as described in

 K.S.A. 72-8202b, and amendments thereto, and such original member shall serve four years;

- (N) one member appointed by the ranking minority member of the senate committee on education who is either serving on a board of education of a unified school district or as a superintendent of schools, as described in K.S.A. 72-8202b, and amendments thereto, and such original member shall serve four years; and
- (O) two members appointed by the state board of regents who are licensed psychologists or psychiatrists with expertise in child cognitive development, and such original members shall serve two years.
- (2) Each member appointed under paragraph (1) shall be a resident of the state of Kansas for at least six months prior to becoming a member of the advisory council on curriculum content standards. Each member appointed under paragraph (1) shall hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college.
- (c) (1) The appointments to the advisory council on curriculum content standards shall be for terms of four years, except as provided for the original members in subsection (b). No member shall be appointed to the council for more than two consecutive terms. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member of the council on or after July 1, 2014, and in any case of a vacancy existing on or after July 1, 2014, a successor shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.
- (2) All members of the advisory council on curriculum content standards, and its subcommittees, shall not be paid compensation, but shall receive subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
- (d) The advisory council on curriculum content standards may appoint subcommittees of the council to review the curriculum standards for each of the core academic areas described in K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto. Subcommittee members shall have knowledge of, responsibility for, or interest in an area related to the duties of the council assigned to the subcommittee. Each subcommittee may consider research on curriculum reform efforts, curriculum standards from other states, and input from a member of the public, including, but not limited to, teachers and parents. Any proposed revisions shall contain considerations of clarity, rigor, content, depth and coherence. Each subcommittee shall submit any revisions to such curriculum standards to the advisory council on curriculum content standards for its review and approval.
- (e) Upon receipt of any recommendations from the subcommittees in accordance with subsection (d), the advisory council on curriculum content standards shall review and finalize any revisions to any curriculum standards prior to providing a proposal to the state board of education.

(f) Prior to any adoption of curriculum standards by the state board of education in accordance with K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto, the state board of education shall present the advisory council's on curriculum content standards proposal during at least one public hearing held in every congressional district and submit a written report on such proposal to the house of representatives and senate committees on education.

- (g) (1) The members of the advisory council on curriculum content standards shall meet and organize annually by electing one member as chairperson, except that the governor shall designate the first chairperson of the council from among the first members appointed.
- (2) The council may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. All actions of the council shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those voting members present when there is a quorum.
- (h) All proceedings of the advisory council on curriculum content standards and any subcommittee of the council shall be open to the public in accordance with and subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4317 through 75-4320, and amendments thereto.
- (i) The state department of education shall provide staff, facilities and other assistance as may be requested by the advisory council on curriculum content standards or its subcommittees.
- (j) The process established by this section shall commence immediately upon the effective date of this legislation. Revision of the curriculum content standards shall begin with English language arts and mathematics and shall be completed for these two content areas by July 1, 2016.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school performance accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.
- (b) (1) The state board shall *solely* establish *and develop* curriculum standards which reflect high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. Such curriculum standards shall not include any areas which relate to social, emotional or character development.
- (2) The curriculum standards shall be reviewed at least every seven years and revised solely by the state board with assistance from the advisory council on curriculum content standards, as described in section 5, and amendments thereto.
- (3) Any and all curriculum standards developed under this subsection shall be solely owned and controlled by the state of Kansas through the

state board.

- (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its own curriculum.
- (c) (1) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. The *state* board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide assessments and the curriculum standards established pursuant to subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade levels, as determined by the *state* board. The state board shall determine performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify high academic standards both for individual performance and school performance on the assessments.
- (2) Any and all results from any statewide assessments shall be solely owned and controlled by the state of Kansas through the state board.
- (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters, including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.
 - Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-1128 and 72-6439 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.