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Educational Data Amendments

2027 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the collection of household data through statewide assessments.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the State Board of Education to collect household data through certain statewide assessments;
- provides for parental notification and an opt-out; and
- addresses the collection and handling of the data.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53E-4-316, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53E-4-316** is enacted to read:

53E-4-316 . Data collection through statewide assessments.

(1) As used in this section, "household data" means information collected from a student, through an assessment described in Subsection (2), regarding:

(a) the individuals who live in the student's home;

(b) the student's family or household composition; and

(c) any other information necessary to identify the household arrangement in which the student resides.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the state board shall collect household data from a student to whom the English language arts portion of the standards assessment described

in Section 53E-4-303 is administered.

(3) In collecting household data, the state board shall:

(a) use questions that are substantially similar to the questions used by the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

(b) include questions, substantially similar to questions used by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, that allow a student's household or family arrangement to be identified for reporting purposes.

(4)(a) The state board shall require an LEA to notify a student's parent, as part of the LEA's beginning of the school year disclosure, that:

(i) the state board will collect household data from the student under this section; and

(ii) the parent may opt the student out of the collection.

(b) A parent may opt a student out of the collection of household data before the assessment is administered to the student.

(c) The state board may not collect household data from a student whose parent has opted the student out under this Subsection (4).

(5)(a) The state board shall collect and compile household data in a simple, aggregated format.

(b) The state board shall maintain and make available the household data, including in the state board's data repository available on the state board's website.

(c) This section does not require the state board to analyze the household data.

(6) The state board shall ensure that household data is collected, used, stored, and shared in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 9, Student Privacy and Data Protection.

(7) When the state board administers the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the state board may not request, elect, or otherwise cause the exclusion of a survey questionnaire item that collects information on the same subject as the household data collected under Subsection (1).

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 5, 2027.