

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Detert

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school districts; amending s.
 3 1001.42, F.S.; deleting provisions that require each
 4 district school board to reduce paperwork and data
 5 collection and report its findings and potential
 6 solutions on reducing burdens associated with such
 7 collection; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; requiring that
 8 the Commissioner of Education monitor and review the
 9 collection of paperwork, data, and reports by school
 10 districts; requiring that the commissioner complete an
 11 annual review of such collection by a specified date
 12 each year; requiring that the commissioner prepare a
 13 report, by a specified date each year, assisting the
 14 school districts with eliminating or consolidating
 15 paperwork, data, and reports by providing suggestions,
 16 technical assistance, and guidance; providing an
 17 effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 21 Section 1. Subsections (24), (25), and (26) of section
 22 1001.42, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter
 23 2009-3, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

24 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
 25 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
 26 powers and perform all duties listed below:

27 ~~(24) REDUCE PAPERWORK AND DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING~~
 28 ~~REQUIREMENTS.—Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year:~~

29 ~~(a) Each district school board shall designate a classroom~~

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30 ~~teacher to serve as the teacher representative to speak on~~
31 ~~behalf of the district's teachers regarding paperwork and data~~
32 ~~collection reduction.~~

33 ~~(b) Each district school board must provide the school~~
34 ~~community with an efficient method for the school community to~~
35 ~~communicate with the classroom teacher designee regarding~~
36 ~~possible paperwork and data collection burdens and potential~~
37 ~~solutions.~~

38 ~~(c) The teacher designee shall annually report his or her~~
39 ~~findings and potential solutions to the school board.~~

40 ~~(d) Each district school board must submit its findings and~~
41 ~~potential solutions to the State Board of Education by September~~
42 ~~1 of each year.~~

43 ~~(e) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report of~~
44 ~~the statewide paperwork and data collection findings and~~
45 ~~potential solutions and submit the report to the Governor, the~~
46 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~
47 ~~Representatives by October 1 of each year.~~

48 (24)~~(25)~~ EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.—On or after February 1,
49 2009, a district school board may not enter into an employment
50 contract that is funded from state funds and that requires the
51 district to pay an employee an amount in excess of 1 year of the
52 employee's annual salary for termination, buy-out, or any other
53 type of contract settlement.

54 (25)~~(26)~~ ADOPT RULES.—Adopt rules pursuant to ss.
55 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.

56 Section 2. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of
57 section 1008.31, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
58 (e), and new paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to that

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59 subsection, to read:

60 1008.31 Florida's K-20 education performance accountability
61 system; legislative intent; mission, goals, and systemwide
62 measures; data quality improvements.-

63 (3) K-20 EDUCATION DATA QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS.-To provide
64 data required to implement education performance accountability
65 measures in state and federal law, the Commissioner of Education
66 shall initiate and maintain strategies to improve data quality
67 and timeliness. All data collected from state universities
68 shall, as determined by the commissioner, be integrated into the
69 K-20 data warehouse. The commissioner shall have unlimited
70 access to such data solely for the purposes of conducting
71 studies, reporting annual and longitudinal student outcomes, and
72 improving college readiness and articulation. All public
73 educational institutions shall provide data to the K-20 data
74 warehouse in a format specified by the commissioner.

75 (c) The commissioner shall continuously monitor and review
76 the collection of paperwork, data, and reports by school
77 districts and complete an annual review of such collection no
78 later than June 1 of each year. The annual review must include
79 recommendations for consolidating paperwork, data, and reports,
80 wherever feasible, in order to reduce the burdens on school
81 districts.

82 (d) By July 1 of each year, the commissioner shall prepare
83 a report assisting the school districts in eliminating or
84 consolidating paperwork, data, and reports by providing
85 suggestions, technical assistance, and guidance.

86 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.