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2013 Wisconsin Act 256 **[2013 Senate Bill 286]**	**Student Information System**

2013 Wisconsin Act 256 relates to the student information system (SIS).

Background

2013 Wisconsin Act 20, the Biennial Budget Act, requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to publish a school and school district accountability report.

Beginning one year after an independent charter school (i.e., a charter school established or contracted for by an entity other than a school district) or a private school participating in a parental choice program begins using the SIS, described below, or begins using a system that is interoperable with that system, DPI must include the school in its annual school accountability report.

The State Superintendent must develop a proposal for a multiple-vendor SIS for the standardized collection of pupil data. The proposal must allow schools and school districts to use their vendor of choice and include reporting requirements that can reasonably be met by multiple vendors.

The State Superintendent must ensure that information about pupils enrolled in charter schools and pupils enrolled in private schools participating in a parental choice program, including their academic performance and demographic information, aggregated by school district, school, and teacher, is collected and maintained in the SIS.

Each school district, charter school, and private school using the system must include in the system the following information for each teacher who is teaching in the school district or school who completed a teacher preparatory program or other approved teacher education program that is located in this state after January 1, 2012:

- The name of the teacher preparatory program or teacher education program the teacher attended and completed.

- The term or semester and year in which the teacher completed the program.

Under prior law, the State Superintendent was required to ensure that within five years of the establishment of the system, every school district and charter school is using the system, and that every private school participating in a parental choice program is either using the system or is using a system that is interoperable with the SIS. The State Superintendent may promulgate rules authorizing DPI to charge a fee to any person who uses the SIS. The fees must be used for the SIS.

For information on teacher preparatory programs, the Act additionally requires information to be provided for each teacher teaching in a private school participating in a parental choice program who obtained a bachelor's degree from an institution located in this state on or after July 1, 2010, but did not complete a teacher preparatory program.

Under the Act, beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the State Superintendent must ensure that every charter school that is contracted for by an entity other than a school district and private school participating in a parental choice program is either using the SIS or using a system that is commercially available and able to obtain pupil identification numbers. Under prior law, the school was required to use a system that is interoperable with the SIS. The Act provides that the State Superintendent may withhold payment from a private school if it fails to participate in the SIS as provided under the Act.

The Act provides that a private school participating in a parental choice program is not required to include information about pupils who are not attending the private school under the parental choice program in the SIS or other system it is using.

The Act requires the State Superintendent to assign to each pupil attending a public school or charter school, and to each pupil attending a private school participating in a parental choice program, a unique identification number for use in the SIS. The State Superintendent may not assign an identification number that is identical to or that incorporates the pupil's Social Security number or that uses any other personally identifiable information.

Effective date: Act 256 takes effect on April 10, 2014.

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