

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Senator Lassa:

At your instruction, I spoke with Russ Kava and Layla Merrifield at the Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) about your request to create an exemption from participation in the student information system under s. 115.28 (12), stats., for a school district that has a student information system that meets certain requirements. Layla Merrifield provided me with a copy of Motion 548, prepared by LFB for a November 10, 2011, meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF). At that meeting, JCF approved alternative C-1, found on page 6 of that motion, to provide the requested exemption for the Tomah School District and other school districts that can satisfy the requirements in the motion. A copy of the motion is included in the drafting file.

I revised LRB-4064/1 (an introducible draft) based on the language of alternative C-1 in the motion to create proposed s. 115.28 (12) (b) 2. However, I have the following questions about the language of the motion and, therefore, have prepared this LRB-4085/P1 (a non-introducible draft):

1. What does the phrase "in real time," as used in proposed s. 115.28 (12) (b) 2. c., mean? Is it necessary?
2. What is the difference between "electronic data transfers" under proposed s. 115.28 (12) (b) 2. e. and "electronic records transfers" under proposed s. 115.28 (12) (b) 2. f.?
3. The last condition in alternative C-1 read as follows: "the district can create electronic record transfers to upload data into the state data warehouse that meets the same functionality of districts using the statewide SIS nightly." I have two questions about this particular provision:
 - a. I assumed the "state data warehouse" is the state SIS. Is that a correct assumption?
 - b. I assumed "meets the same functionality of districts using the statewide SIS" means that an exempted school district can upload data in the same manner as districts using the state SIS. Is that a correct assumption?
4. Several of the conditions in the motions required an exempted school district to perform certain tasks "nightly." Is that your intent? Would that requirement apply year-round and on weekends?

Let me know if you have any questions or wish to make any changes to this draft.

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