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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2021 Assembly Bill 378

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 378

2021 Assembly Bill 378 requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to create an online portal that displays financial data collected from all school districts, county children with disabilities education boards, and independent charter schools. This portal must be made available beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

Additionally, the bill creates an 11-person advisory committee to advise DPI in its development of the financial information portal. The bill requires this advisory committee to develop a report that includes recommendations on the categories of information that will be accessible to the public through the portal; the financial data that will be accessible to the public for each of those categories; the resources necessary to implement and maintain the portal; and recommendations regarding DPI's technological capacity for collecting data for the portal. This report must be submitted to DPI no later than April 15, 2023.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the date by which the advisory committee must submit its report to DPI from April 15, 2023 to February 1, 2023.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that the advisory committee's report and recommendations may not require school districts to make additional or specific investments in or replacement to the hardware, software, or systems school districts use to provide data to the department.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Magnafici offered both Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 on September 9, 2021. On September 15, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, each on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1, and passage of Assembly Bill 378, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 8, Noes, 1.

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