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Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a statewide student attendance and absenteeism dashboard

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3213-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3213-a. Statewide student attendance and absenteeism dashboard. 1.
4 Establishment. The commissioner shall, in consultation with school
5 districts, boards of cooperative educational services, and other stake-
6 holders, develop and maintain a publicly accessible statewide attendance
7 and absenteeism dashboard to be posted publicly on the department's
8 website.

9 2. Content. The dashboard established pursuant to subdivision one of
10 this section shall, at a minimum, display the following information:

11 (a) statewide, district-level, and school-level attendance and chronic
12 absenteeism rates, disaggregated by grade level;

13 (b) disaggregated data by student subgroups, including race and
14 ethnicity, disability status, English language learner status, consist-
15 ent with federal and state reporting requirements;

16 (c) comparisons with prior school years; and

17 (d) data visualizations designed to be clear and accessible to fami-
18 lies, educators, policymakers, and the public.

19 3. Timeliness. (a) The department shall collect attendance data from
20 each school district on at least a weekly basis and shall update the
21 dashboard no less frequently than once per week.

22 (b) The commissioner may promulgate regulations establishing the meth-
23 od and format of data submission to ensure accuracy, uniformity, and
24 timeliness.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. Data quality and privacy. (a) Data shall be displayed in a manner
2 that protects student privacy and complies with the family educational
3 rights and privacy act and all other applicable laws.
4 (b) The department shall provide technical assistance and guidance to
5 districts to ensure data quality and consistency.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
7 law.