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2019-20 State Budget Education Trailer Bill—Cradle-to-Career Data System Act

The central organizing principle of Governor Gavin Newsom’s education platform is called “cradle-to-career,” which is a strategy of linking the state’s education segments from preschool to college and into the workforce.

In order to realize this “cradle-to-career” vision, Governor Newsom, in his first State Budget proposal, unveiled a plan to make an investment to design and develop a longitudinal data system that would connect student data from early education providers, K-12 schools, higher education institutions, employers, other workforce entities, and health and human services agencies.

The proposal has gone through some minor tweaks and changes during the State Budget process, but with the Legislature officially approving Senate Bill (SB) 75 (the 2019-20 Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill) on Monday, June 24, 2019, all it will take is Governor Newsom’s signature on the bill to officially begin the implementation of the first statewide longitudinal data system in California.

SB 75 will appropriate \$10 million in one-time, non-Proposition 98 funds to develop the California Cradle-to-Career Data System. The funding will be provided to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, who will contract with planning facilitators to lead the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Workgroup. The workgroup will be comprised of representatives from education, workforce, health, and other relevant agencies, and the workgroup will report to the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Legislature on the proposed structure of the data system including governance, architecture, and functionality by July 1, 2020. There will be an additional report due to the DOF and Legislature by January 1, 2021, with other recommendations on the data system including how the data will be controlled, authorized, accessed, etc.

The trailer bill stipulates that the \$10 million appropriated to the Office of Planning and Research will be distributed in the following way:

- \$2 million to contract with planning facilitators
- \$1.5 million to allocate \$100,000 to each of the 15 state entities that will make up the workgroup
- \$500,000 for the Office of Planning and Research to lead the workgroup and perform other administrative functions

- \$300,000 to be equally divided (\$100,000 each) to each higher education segment to implement statewide student identifiers
- The remaining \$5.7 million will only be released to the Office of Planning and Research with the approval of an expenditure plan by the DOF and notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee based upon reporting from the planning facilitators