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An Act Establishing An Education-to-Career Data Center

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ABOUT THIS BILL

As Massachusetts makes unprecedented investments to close equity gaps and respond to an intense worker shortage, the demand for high-quality data that informs policy decisions is acute. States around the country are crafting governance legislation to get the most from their education-to-career data systems, while also safeguarding personal privacy. Drawing on the knowledge of experts from the Data Quality Campaign and the experience of forerunners like Kentucky and Maryland, this legislation will make Massachusetts a national leader. Policymakers, researchers, and the public will gain access to invaluable education-to-career data.

WHO DOES THIS BILL HELP?

Education-to-Career data systems benefit everyone:

- **Educators and workforce development practitioners** delivering direct instruction
- **Students and families** making decisions about their futures
- **State and local officials** responsible for establishing policy and allocating limited resources
- **Agency staff** working to fulfill data requests for legislators, researchers, and private citizens



WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

- **Establishes a mission and vision for a centralized education-to-career data system** that charts transitions from early education to K-12, higher education, and into the workforce
- **Provides a legal framework for cross-agency data sharing** by creating an office and governing board to oversee the use of these data, and safeguard information to protect individual privacy
- **Develops protocols** for evaluating strategic initiatives and exchanging state data with local research-practice partnerships



HOW WILL THIS BILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Education-to-Career data systems are critical to do the following:

- Identify and address disparities in educational and workforce outcomes
- Foster continuous improvement in educational and workforce initiatives
- Ensure efficient utilization of public and private resources



“THE ISSUE HERE IS THAT WE HAVE GOOD DATA, BUT WE DON’T HAVE ACCESS TO IT.”

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