

SENATE FLOOR VERSION
March 5, 2025
AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 224

By: Seifried of the Senate

and

Caldwell (Chad) of the
House

[student data - system - duties - Governance Council - committees - data-sharing agreement - grants and funding - promulgation of rules - codification - effective date -

emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-180 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Education and Workforce

Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) as a secure system for the de-identification, exchange, and matching of individual-level student and workforce data among approved entities. The purpose of the SLDS shall be to provide state agencies, legislators, and other approved users with access to data on early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, workforce training, and employment outcomes to improve education and workforce outcomes.

1 B. The SLDS shall have the ability to:

2 1. Access, ingest, integrate, and transform a variety of data
3 types to and from the Oklahoma Workforce Commission, the Oklahoma
4 Department of Career and Technology Education, the State Department
5 of Education, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC),
6 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Regional
7 University System of Oklahoma (RUSO), the Office of Educational
8 Quality and Accountability (OEQA), and any other agency that
9 collects critical employment or education data;

10 2. Be designed to allow additional agencies to integrate their
11 data in the future;

12 3. Implement identity management capabilities to create unique
13 identifiers that link early childhood education, elementary and
14 secondary education, postsecondary education, and workforce data;

15 4. Enable data governance, auditing, and tracking of data edits
16 and changes by authorized users;

17 5. Support advanced analytics capabilities including, but not
18 limited to, artificial intelligence, machine learning, forecasting,
19 and data mining, as well as the use of business intelligence tools
20 such as data visualization and dashboards; and

21 6. Ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights and
22 Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the Student Data Accessibility,
23 Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013, and other applicable
24 privacy laws.

1 C. The SLDS shall provide controlled access to approved
2 external partners including researchers or vendors, ensuring
3 compliance with privacy protections. Data access shall be granted
4 through a formal data-sharing agreement submitted to the Statewide
5 Longitudinal Data System Governance Council created pursuant to
6 Section 2 of this act, with guidelines on usage and restrictions to
7 safeguard personally identifiable information.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-181 of Title 70, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. There is hereby created the Statewide Longitudinal Data
12 System Governance Council to oversee the development,
13 implementation, and operation of the Oklahoma Education and
14 Workforce Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) created pursuant
15 to Section 1 of this act. The Council may create committees, as
16 needed, to delegate and carry out its duties.

17 B. The Council shall be comprised of nine (9) voting members as
18 follows:

- 19 1. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Workforce Commission,
20 or his or her designee;
- 21 2. The Chancellor of Higher Education, or his or her designee;
- 22 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
23 Technology Education, or his or her designee;

1 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her
2 designee;

3 5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security
4 Commission, or his or her designee;

5 6. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality
6 and Accountability, or his or her designee;

7 7. The Chief Executive Officer of the Regional University
8 System of Oklahoma (RUSO), or his or her designee;

9 8. One data privacy and security expert who is familiar with
10 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the
11 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996,
12 and national privacy standards, appointed by the Commission for
13 Educational Quality and Accountability; and

14 9. One member of the public with expertise in workforce or
15 education policy, data analysis, or community representation,
16 appointed by the Governor.

17 C. The Statewide Longitudinal Data System Governance Council
18 may include non-voting members from additional state agencies,
19 institutions of higher education, or stakeholder groups as needed to
20 provide subject-matter expertise.

21 D. The Statewide Longitudinal Data System Governance Council
22 shall:

23 1. Set the strategic priorities for the SLDS;

1 2. Oversee all aspects of data governance including approving
2 data access policies, privacy standards, and data-sharing
3 agreements;

4 3. Identify and prioritize critical data elements and datasets
5 for initial integration in the system by June 30, 2026;

6 4. Evaluate new potential data sources to onboard to the SLDS;

7 5. Outline a process to approve and onboard new agencies to the
8 SLDS;

9 6. Select a vendor for the development and maintenance of the
10 SLDS, ensuring the vendor meets the system requirements and
11 technical specifications approved by the Statewide Longitudinal Data
12 System Governance Council by June 30, 2026. Funding and procurement
13 responsibilities shall be assigned to the Commission for Educational
14 Quality and Accountability, with the SLDS housed with the Office of
15 Educational Quality and Accountability;

16 7. Electronically submit an annual progress report to the
17 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker
18 of the House of Representatives summarizing the progress of the
19 SLDS, completed milestones, next steps, challenges, and
20 recommendations for improvements. The first report shall be
21 submitted by June 30, 2026; and

22 8. Ensure the SLDS is operational and includes critical
23 datasets no later than June 30, 2027.

1 E. By June 30, 2026, each agency participating in the SLDS
2 shall enter into a data-sharing agreement with the Statewide
3 Longitudinal Data System Governance Council. The agreement shall
4 include:

- 5 1. Data-sharing protocols;
- 6 2. Data elements shared;
- 7 3. Data elements requested;
- 8 4. Roles and responsibilities for the participating agency and
the Council; and
- 9 5. Privacy and security standards.

10 F. The SLDS shall be funded through:

- 11 1. State appropriations provided to the Office of Educational
Quality and Accountability for the specific purpose of procuring and
maintaining the SLDS;
- 12 2. Federal grants including, but not limited to, funding
opportunities from the U.S. Department of Education's Statewide
Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program, the Workforce Data Quality
Initiative, or other federal programs;
- 13 3. Cost-sharing agreements or user fees approved by the
Statewide Longitudinal Data System Governance Council; and
- 14 4. Public or private sources, provided such funds are
consistent with the purpose and goal of the SLDS.

1 G. The Statewide Longitudinal Data System Governance Council
2 shall actively pursue federal grants and other funding opportunities
3 to support the development, operation, and expansion of the SLDS.

4 H. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
5 may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

7 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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