



RESULTS Act

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Reimagining Education and Skills through Unified Longitudinal Talent Systems (RESULTS) Act of 2026

The need for timely, detailed data that spans education and workforce systems has never been greater. The arrival of AI could cause major economic shifts, heightening the urgency of our need for accurate and up-to-date information to answer pressing questions about the state of education and employment. This legislation meets that need by modernizing the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) program at the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) to support states in building connected and useful data systems that will enable smart decisions in uncertain times.

Legislative Overview

- Modernizes the SLDS program to incentivize highly connected state data systems that incorporate early childhood, elementary and secondary education, higher education, workforce and labor market data.
- Streamlines state funding by starting to consolidate SLDS and the parallel Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) at the Department of Labor.
- Expands eligibility of SLDS to include a state's governor as well as a state agency or data governance entity designated by the governor.
- Improves access to the National Directory of New Hires, a detailed and underutilized source of wage and employment data for directed use to support statutorily required education and workforce performance reporting.

Impact

- Supports and encourages states to strategically develop SLDS to be highly secure, well-connected across systems, and structured to successfully answer important questions about education and employment outcomes.
- Makes data more accessible to the public and researchers, helping boost data-driven and evidence-based decision-making by individuals and policymakers.
- Supports states participating in multi-state collaboratives track interstate earnings and employment outcomes.
- Helps states meet reporting requirements for federal accountability, including for new, promising programs like Workforce Pell.
- Explores use of artificial intelligence as a supportive tool for state data systems.

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