

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 120

Introduced by Assembly Member Mark Stone

January 19, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 120—Relative to information sharing agreements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 120, as introduced, Mark Stone. Data trusts: at-risk children.

This measure would recognize that the Legislature supports the development of safe and secure data sharing between public education, social service, and research entities through the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust as it pertains specifically to at-risk, foster, homeless, and justice-involved children and youth and their families, in order to better serve, protect, and improve the futures of these Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Children in California would benefit from a reliable
- 2 and secure data sharing environment that would assist social service
- 3 providers and public education institutions in best responding to
- 4 the personal circumstances and needs of students and families and
- 5 would allow researchers using aggregate data to better support
- 6 these efforts; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Silicon Valley Regional Data
- 8 Trust is to serve as a pilot demonstration site for addressing the
- 9 needs of diverse communities using a comprehensive data-informed
- 10 approach that provides quality services and promotes a healthy,
- 11 safe, and prosperous community while safeguarding sensitive
- 12 personal data; and

1 WHEREAS, Improved collaborations between agencies can
2 help address the complex challenges of serving vulnerable
3 California children and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, The County of Santa Clara is currently participating
5 in the FosterVision Project with the Santa Clara County Office of
6 Education to share data about youth between schools and the
7 county in the interest of improving services to foster and
8 juvenile-justice-involved youth with appropriate protections to
9 safeguard sensitive data; and

10 WHEREAS, The establishment of information sharing
11 agreements through a tri-county regional data trust utilizing the
12 Santa Clara County Office of Education Data Zone as the hub in
13 partnership with the University of California, Santa Cruz, will help
14 ensure that data systems are interoperable within and across
15 agencies and sectors by adopting common data standards,
16 definitions, and language to best serve the children in those
17 counties; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to safeguard the privacy of California
19 children and families, it is essential that the data trust strictly adhere
20 to existing state and federal law requiring the protection of personal
21 information and data pertaining to students and at-risk youth and
22 follow data security industry best practices in the interest of
23 protecting California's most vulnerable youth while allowing
24 appropriate data access and sharing; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature supports the development
27 of safe and secure data sharing between public education, social
28 service, and research entities through the Silicon Valley Regional
29 Data Trust as it pertains specifically to at-risk, foster, homeless,
30 and justice-involved children and youth and their families, in order
31 to better serve, protect, and improve the futures of these
32 Californians; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
34 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
35 distribution.

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