

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 120

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 97

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 120, 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.

WHEREAS, Children in California would benefit from a reliable and secure data sharing environment that would assist social service providers and public education institutions in best responding to the personal circumstances and needs of students and families and would allow researchers using aggregate data to better support these efforts; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust is to serve as a pilot demonstration site for addressing the needs of diverse communities using a comprehensive data-informed approach that provides quality services and promotes a healthy, safe, and prosperous community while safeguarding sensitive personal data; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In order to safeguard the privacy of California children and families, it is essential that the data trust strictly adhere to existing state and federal law requiring the protection of personal information and data

pertaining to students and at-risk youth and follow data security industry best practices in the interest of protecting California's most vulnerable youth while allowing appropriate data access and sharing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, 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; and be it further

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