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CALPADS Support and Implementation Funds Conference Compromise

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(X.) Sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000) is appropriated on a one-time basis for transfer to Section A of the State School Fund for allocation by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in conjunction with Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) for California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) pre-implementation, training, and support activities on a one-time basis. The funds will be used in 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10, which is the estimated time until the system becomes fully operational. The funds will be used to support local education agency (LEA) activities related to maintaining the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) and facilitating the collection, maintenance, and submission of quality staff and student-level data to CALPADS. The California Department of Education (CDE) in conjunction with FCMAT may award grants to LEAs, provide direct technical assistance, or training, as needed. To help LEAs improve the quality of data, CDE in conjunction with FCMAT shall allocate annual grants in the amount of \$3.00 per pupil per year (based on prior year enrollment) to an LEA with a minimum grant of \$2,000 and a maximum grant of \$500,000 (funding shall be prorated if this amount is not sufficient to cover all requests in any given year). The CDE in conjunction with FCMAT shall determine a schedule for the distribution of these funds. To receive funding, LEAs shall: (1) maintain the SSIDs, including resolving anomalies, as required by Education Code section 60900; (2) include the SSID on the student transcript; (3) populate the local Student Information System with the educator identifier required by Education Code section 44230.5; (4) certify the Annual SSID Maintenance by the date specified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and (5) other data requirements requested by the CALPADS project. To the extent CDE in conjunction with FCMAT determines that it would be more effective and efficient to provide regional training it may use up \$12 million of these funds for that purpose. First call for all funds shall be for grants to LEAs. The CDE in conjunction with FCMAT shall provide a letter to the Legislative budget committees, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office documenting actual and expected allocations of these funds and the formula used to determine grants, to the best of their knowledge, no later than April 1 of 2008, 2009, and 2010.

(X.) It is the intent of the Legislature to pursue legislation requiring a clear articulation of a Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)-compliant, data access policy that allows parents, educators, researchers, policy makers, and the public appropriate access to the longitudinal data that will be available in CALPADS. To further that intent, the Legislature directs CDE to provide a report, no later than August 1, 2007, to the Legislature, Department of Finance, the Office of the Secretary of Education, and the Legislative Analyst's Office that includes the following: (a) CDE's current guidelines regarding access to data within CALPADS, (b) a summary of CDE's current knowledge regarding how other states interpret and apply FERPA to longitudinal student data, (c) CDE's suggestions, based on current knowledge and understanding, for options to ensure access within FERPA guidelines.