



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3301.0730 User review of EMIS guidelines.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Education management information system" means the integrated system of statewide data collecting, reporting, and compiling for school districts and schools prescribed under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code.

(2) "EMIS guidelines" means the manual issued by the department of education and workforce containing uniform and consistent instructions for reporting the student, staff, and financial information to be collected through the education management information system, including data-element definitions, procedures, and requirements for the submission, review, validation, and correction of data.

(B) The department shall develop a procedure that permits users of the education management information system to review and provide comment on new or updated EMIS guidelines. The procedure shall satisfy all of the following conditions:

(1) The department shall post a copy of the proposed new or updated EMIS guidelines on the department's web site. The department shall solicit comment from EMIS users on the proposed guidelines for thirty consecutive days.

(2) The department shall respond to comments provided by users and may revise the proposed new or updated EMIS guidelines based on comments provided by users within thirty consecutive days after the comment period closes.

(3) The department shall post the final new or updated EMIS guidelines on its web site at the end of the response period for thirty consecutive days for a final review by EMIS users. The new or updated guidelines shall take effect after that period ends.

(C) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, if the department develops new or updated EMIS guidelines to implement a program, initiative, or policy, the department shall use the procedures prescribed under division (B) of this section. The department shall initiate the procedures not later than the fifteenth day of May immediately prior to the beginning of the school year for which the new or updated EMIS guidelines will be effective.



(D) The department shall use the procedure prescribed under division (B) of this section for any new or updated EMIS guidelines developed by the department for the purposes of implementing any of the following:

- (1) A newly enacted state or federal law that takes effect more than ninety days after the date of enactment;
- (2) A new or updated federal rule;
- (3) A rule adopted by the department.

(E) The department shall not be required to use the procedure prescribed under division (B) of this section when doing any of the following:

- (1) Updating EMIS guidelines to address issues that are not substantive, such as correcting grammatical errors;
- (2) Updating EMIS guidelines to address errors;
- (3) Issuing supplemental documents designed to assist school districts and schools in understanding and using EMIS guidelines and the education management information system, including documents that do any of the following:
 - (a) Clarify the implementation of EMIS guidelines;
 - (b) Answer questions submitted by users of the education management system;
 - (c) Provide training regarding the education management information system;
- (4) Creating or updating EMIS guidelines to implement a newly enacted state or federal law that takes effect not more than ninety days after the date of enactment;
- (5) Removing data items from EMIS guidelines to reduce the reporting burden on districts and schools.

(F) Additionally, the department shall establish both of the following:

- (1) Uniform guidance for career-technical planning districts and information technology centers established under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code regarding the education management information system and EMIS guidelines for career-technical planning districts;
- (2) Uniform training programs for all personnel employed by the department to administer the education management information system.