

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) IMPLEMENT TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING, MAINTAINING, ANALYZING, AND PUBLICLY REPORTING DATA REGARDING FOUR-YEAR COHORTS AND GRADUATION RATES;

(2) IMPLEMENT A ~~SYSTEM~~ STANDARD PROCESS FOR VERIFYING THE ACCURACY OF DATA INCLUDING:

(I) STATISTICAL CHECKS AND ANALYSES; AND

(II) ON-SITE AUDITS OF RECORD-KEEPING PROCEDURES;

(3) IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN INCLUDING OUTREACH TO CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS, AND PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SOLICITATION OF SUGGESTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGARDING THE NEED FOR COLLECTING, MAINTAINING, ANALYZING, AND PUBLICLY REPORTING ACCURATE DATA REGARDING FOUR-YEAR COHORTS AND GRADUATION RATES;

(4) PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARDS WITH COLLECTING, MAINTAINING, ANALYZING, AND PUBLICLY REPORTING GRADUATION RATE DATA; AND

(5) SERVE AS A CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR THIS DATA.

(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REGARDING:

(I) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION;

(II) STATISTICAL ANALYSES AND DATA VERIFICATION PROCESSES DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(III) DISCREPANCIES DISCOVERED WHILE COLLECTING, MAINTAINING, ANALYZING, AND PUBLICLY REPORTING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before September 1, 2006, September 1, 2007, September 1, 2008, ~~and~~ September 1, 2009, and September 1, 2010, each county board shall:

(1) collect, maintain, and analyze an interim graduation rate by dividing the number of students that receive a regular high school diploma in a given year by the number of students that enrolled in the ninth grade four years earlier; and

(2) report the information required under item (1) of this section to: