

CHAPTER 14-B**DATA GOVERNANCE PROGRAM****§547. Data governance program established**

The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, and the Chief Information Officer shall establish a data governance program. [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

1. Implementation. Implementation of a data governance program must include:

A. Establishing data project priorities; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

B. Ensuring data privacy compliance and that best practices are followed; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

C. Developing data structure policies that ensure the best data quality, alignment and availability across systems; and [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

D. Establishing data-sharing policies and agreements. [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]
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2. Program requirements. The data governance program must:

A. Support decision making and improve citizen access to government services; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

B. Promote consistent collection of racial and ethnic demographic data; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

C. Use evidence-based strategies to improve data collection; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

D. Address technology barriers that restrict the ability of state agencies to share data between agencies; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

E. Create models for sharing data with the public and for developing policies to reduce disparities and increase equity; [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

F. Include records management capabilities and compliance; and [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

G. Ensure that data sharing and usage complies with state and federal laws, rules and regulations. [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

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3. Consultations. Within 30 days of the effective date of this chapter, and at least quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, and the Chief Information Officer shall consult with:

A. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 to discuss how racial equity will be incorporated in the data governance program as well as in all projects related to the program. The consultation must include discussion of methods for building racial equity considerations into every aspect of the data life cycle, including planning, data collection, data access, algorithms, statistical tools, data analysis, reporting and dissemination; and [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

B. The State Archivist, or the archivist's designee, regarding the development and implementation of the data governance program and to generate a records management and retention plan and program in compliance with Title 5, section 95-C. [PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]
[PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

4. Report. The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, the Chief Information Officer and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 shall jointly report on the status of the program and the consultations under subsection 3 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters annually by February 15. The committee may report out a bill based on the report during the legislative session in which the report is received.

[PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 717, §1 (NEW).

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