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Funding for the Student Educator Course Transcript Data Collection

The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF or Stabilization) program provides approximately \$48.6 billion in formula grants to States to help stabilize State and local budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services, in exchange for a State's commitment to advance essential education reform in key areas. Vermont was awarded \$77,150,071 to allocate to school districts over fiscal years 2010 and 2011. With the acceptance of these funds, Vermont provided an assurance to the federal government to collect and report on several essential education data elements.

Assurances (b): Improving Collection and Use of Data

(b) (1) Collect and report for pre-K through grade 12

- A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students
- Student-level transcript information, including on courses completed and grades earned

Many, but not all, of these data elements are currently housed at the Vermont Agency of Education (VT AOE). VT AOE must collect student course taking in such a way to allow the linkage of students with teachers and to provide the state with student transcript information (including courses taken, credits earned and so on). The VT AOE was initially required to have this information by September, 2011. However, the deadline was extended to allow VT AOE to conduct a pilot study of the data collection and fully implement the data collection for FY2012. The funding to support this data collection was distributed to districts in the two prior years and no further funding will be made available to districts.