

The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018

Title III Overview

The Evidence Act's 3 Big Ideas

1. Evidence-Based Policymaking Requires Systematic Planning
2. Effective Federal Data Asset Use Requires High-Quality Data Governance
3. Safely Expanding Access to Protected Data for Evidence-building
 - Title III – Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA)

Expanding Access to Data for Evidence

Vision

Commission Report:

“(I)mproved access to data under more privacy-protective conditions can lead to an increase in both the quantity and the quality of evidence to inform important program and policy decisions.”

House Report:

“Evidence has the power to transform inefficient and ineffective programs to better serve the American public. Often, the production of evidence requires the use of data containing personally identifiable information.”

Expanding Access to Data for Evidence

3. Safely Expanding Access to Protected Data for Evidence-building

- Institutionalize Fundamental Responsibilities
- Expand Statistical Agencies and Units Access to Data Assets
- Expand Statistical Agencies and Units Provision of Data to Qualified Users


Expanding Access to Data for Evidence

- Institutionalize Fundamental Responsibilities
 - Identify trusted intermediaries
 - *Process for Recognizing statistical agencies*
 - Articulate high standards
 - *Codification of Statistical Policy Directive Number 1 (the “Trust Directive”), built on core CIPSEA*

Expanding Access to Data for Evidence

- Expand Statistical Agencies and Units Access to Data Assets
- Empower trusted intermediaries to access data
 - *Presumption of Accessibility*

Expanding Access to Data for Evidence

- Expand Statistical Agencies and Units Provision of Data to Qualified Users
- Ensure effective provision of data to evidence-builders
 - *Expanding Secure Access to CIPSEA Data Assets*
- Build tools and infrastructure
 -  *Standard Application Process*

Statistical Official Responsibilities

- Agency senior advisor
 - Statistical policy, techniques, and procedures
- Agency champion for data quality
 - Oversee data quality standards
- Agency champion for confidentiality protection and appropriate data access
 - Develop confidentiality standards

Coordination Across Government

- Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP)
 - Enables the Office of Management and Budget to obtain direct participation from agencies in planning and coordinating Federal statistical activities
- Led by the Chief Statistician of the United States
- Statistical Official's from all 24 CFO Act Agencies participate

Safely Expanding Access to Protected Data for Evidence-Building

- Institutionalizing Fundamental Responsibilities
 - Recognition of Statistical Agencies and Units
 - Codification of Statistical Policy Directive #1
- Expanding Statistical Agencies and Units Access to Data Assets
 - Presumption of Accessibility for Statistical Agencies and Units
- Expanding Statistical Agencies and Units Provision of Data to Qualified Users
 - Expanding Secure Access to CIPSEA Data Assets
 - Application to Access Data Assets for Developing Evidence

Thank You!