Colorado's Move Towards Clinical-Based Preparation

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Colorado Environmental Scan

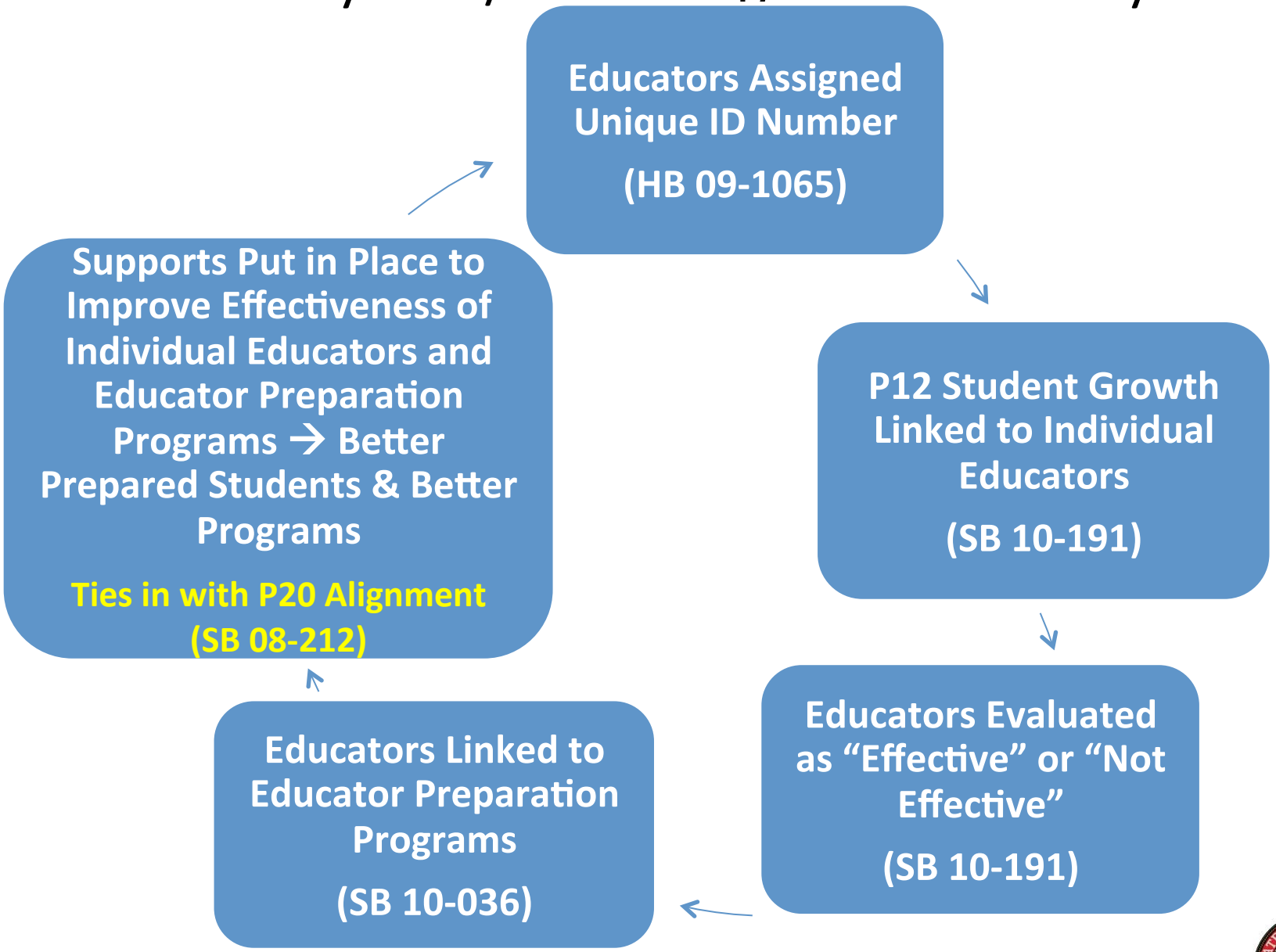
- Historical Support for Clinical Practice
- April 2011 Colorado Council of Deans of Education Retreat
  - Conducted a scan of which Colorado programs are clinically-based and to what extent.
  - Range from traditional to highly clinical-based.
  - Brought together IHE- based and alternative certification programs.

Virtual Clinical Practice and Preparation for Online Teaching

Educator preparation programs are encouraged to:

- identify opportunities for candidates to complete a portion of their 800 hours of field-based experience in online or blended learning P-12 schools and classrooms.
- prepare candidates in best practices for working in online and blended learning environments.
- utilize online platforms for posting course documents and engaging with candidates wherever appropriate and feasible.
- collect data on allowing candidates to complete some field-based experiences online so that the best-informed decisions as possible can be made in the future.

Educator ID System/State Longitudinal Data System



We Hope the Data Will be Used To:

- First step: Human Resource File to get a lay of the land.
- Identify promising recruitment/placement efforts in districts.
- Provide retention data and ideas for closing the teacher gap.
- Inform prep programs' ability to prepare educators for hard to staff subjects and schools.
- Identify where graduates are hired and if they get promoted to higher levels of leadership responsibility. (How do they perform over time?)
- Identify WHY educators were rated as effective or not.
- Account for confounding variables once graduates leave the program.
- Link with www.tellcolorado.org and www.schoolview.org
- Inform the move to clinical-based preparation.

Educator Pipeline Revision 2011-2013

- Supported by Rose Foundation Grant
- Everything is on the table:
  - Recruitment
  - Preparation
  - Licensure
  - Induction and placement
  - Differentiated professional development
- Collaboration through data—partnerships have to exist for data sharing and analysis and program self-improvement.