
What are the Challenges of Creating a State System?

Although there are many benefits to creating and maintaining a state system, there are some challenges that should be considered as well. These may include:

- * the amount of time and work that is required to develop a state system;
- * the difficulty finding resources both human and financial to maintain and develop a state system;
- * political resistance;
- * competing with other programs and/or systems that may have more tenure;
- * the fragility of a state system that operates without a secession plan;
- * the unwillingness for some members of a state system to collaborate with one another;
- * being bigger and more visible can make a system vulnerable to negative media publicity;
- * perception of decreased flexibility/autonomy for sites who may become part of a state system; and
- * funding restrictions – some sites may be limited by their funders which could prevent them from being part of their state's system.