

ESEA
Reauthorization
“Every Student
Succeeds Act”

School Law Conference
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PRESENTING

ESEA Reauthorization Review

AGENDA:

- *Status of ESEA/NCLB Reauthorization*
- *Timeline*
- *Key Provisions of “Every Student Succeeds Act”*
- *Questions, Answers & Discussion*



Status and Background

- **ESEA/NCLB reauthorization eight years overdue**
- **Conference Committee convened in Nov. 2015 to hash out Senate and House differences**
- **November 19th – Committee voted 39-1 in favor of compromise bill (Oregon Rep. Suzanne Bonamici votes in favor)**
- **House and Senate votes likely in December; Obama administration likely to sign**



Key Takeaway – Local Control

- *“This agreement, in my opinion, is the most significant step towards local control in 25 years...”* Sen. Lamar Alexander, Senate Education Committee Chair
- *“The proposal...is expected to keep some of the NCLB law’s measures...like continued annual testing in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school...But otherwise, states would be handed the car keys when it comes to almost everything else...”* Education Week reporter Alyson Klein, November 18th

Major Changes from NCLB

- **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and 100% proficiency – eliminated**
- **State ESEA waivers – eliminated**
- **School Improvement Grants (SIG) – eliminated**
- **Prescriptive school interventions – eliminated**
- **Role of Secretary of Education – greatly curtailed related to testing, evaluations and standards**

Key Dates

- **Authorization Period – Fiscal Years 2017-2020 (four years)**
- **2016 – Existing State Plans and Waivers go through August; What will Oregon do?**
- **2016 – USDOE rulemaking**
- **2017-18 School Year – New State Plans and Accountability Systems must be in place**

Every Student Succeeds – Key Accountability Provisions

- **States choose math and reading standards; testing in grades 3-8 and once in high school (math and reading)**
- **States set own goals/plans that USDOE approves; must address proficiency on tests, English Language proficiency and grad rates**
- **ELL accountability shifts from Title III to Title I**

Every Student Succeeds – Key Funding Provisions

- **Title I – no portability and no changes to funding formulas**
- **Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provision continues at 90%**
- **Dozens of programs consolidated into block grant to states (PE, AP, Ed. Tech)**
- **Title II changes to 80/20 for distribution of funds; expected to help smaller/rural districts**

Every Student Succeeds – Key School Improvement Provisions

- **States required to identify: 1. Bottom 5% schools, 2. High Schools w/grad rates below 67% and 3. Underperforming Subgroups**
- **State approves district improvement plans; sets goals and exit criteria**
- **Title I SIG grants gone, replaced with Title I school improvement set aside increase to 7%**

Documents, Watch List and Q and A

- **ODE and NSBA Fact Sheets**
- **Ambiguity on the role of the Education Secretary**
- **Test scores not required for teacher evaluations; Oregon impacts?(SB 290)**
- **States decide repercussions for falling below 95% testing mandate**
- **Lots of rulemaking at USDOE**
- **Your Questions and Answers**





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