

SB 20 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes references to the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425) and replaces them with references to the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Congress passed the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) in 2001. NCLB required annual math and reading assessments of students in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school; science assessments once in elementary school, once in middle school; and once in high school; required states to set targets for students' adequate yearly progress; identified corrective actions that states were to take against schools that did not meet those goals; and required teachers to meet standards of qualification, among other provisions. NCLB expired in 2007, but was not immediately replaced. Beginning in 2011, the U.S. Department of Education offered waivers of the law's provisions to states meeting certain requirements.

In 2015, Congress replaced NCLB with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Among other provisions, ESSA removed requirements regarding adequate yearly progress, corrective actions, and teacher qualifications, leaving those policy choices to states.