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The Flexibility for Champion Schools Act

Summary:

Under the Flexibility for Champion Schools Act, the Secretary of Education shall grant waivers to States that meet the following requirements:

- *The State establishes academic content standards in reading, writing and math, and tests in grades 3 through 8 and at least once for such subjects in high school.*
- *The State establishes academic content standards in science, U.S. History and civics, and tests at least once in elementary, middle and high school.*
- *The State makes the results of all testing available to the public, in the aggregate and disaggregated by subgroups, including minorities, students with disabilities, and students who are limited English proficient. Such scores shall be reported at the local education agency and individual school level. This will ensure that the disaggregated test results for each subgroup will be not ignored at a local level.*
- *The State sets pass-rate goals on the tests that each school and local school district must meet. These goals shall be determined by the State educational authority and shall not be subject to change or modification by the U.S. Department of Education as part of the process of granting a waiver.*
- *The State shall determine the conditions under which disabled students and LEP students take State tests or alternative assessments. These conditions will be consistent with IDEA law.*
- *The State holds schools and local school divisions accountable for meeting its pass-rate goals. The State shall determine the consequences for schools and local school districts that fail to meet the pass-rate goals set by the State, and a State's determination of consequences shall not be subject to change or modification by the U.S. Department of Education as part of the process of granting a waiver.*
- *The State shall determine goals for high school graduation rates and a State's determination of its goals and the types of diplomas it issues shall not be reviewable by the U. S. Department of Education.*