

Subject State reporting

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Summary

This bill strikes an obsolete reference to when the Department of Education was first required to report on schools identified as high performing under federal expectations, and strikes the reference to federal expectations.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the 2001 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, established federal expectations for student testing and achievement. Minnesota, along with other states, obtained a waiver from some NCLB requirements. The waiver required Minnesota to create a rating system that both recognized schools for high performance and for needing improvement.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), passed in 2015, replaced NCLB. ESSA requires states to develop accountability systems that identify schools for differentiated levels of support based on student performance on state-selected indicators. ESSA does not require states to identify schools as high performing.