



## **H.R. 5 the Student Success Act** *Landmark Conservative Education Reform*

Chairman Rokita shepherded the Student Success Act through the House of Representatives on July 19, 2013. This legislation marked the first time in more than a decade that either chamber of Congress successfully passed a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as No Child Left Behind.

The Student Success Act was developed using four principles: reducing the federal footprint, empowering parents, supporting effective teachers, and restoring local control. Within these principles, Chairman Rokita was focused on ending the Department of Education's waiver practices, devolving federal education authority to the state and local level, and blocking federal efforts to support the Common Core.

### **Highlights of H.R. 5, the Student Success Act:**

- ✓ Eliminates more than 70 existing elementary and secondary education programs to promote a more appropriate federal role in education.
- ✓ Consolidates a myriad of existing K-12 education programs into a new Local Academic Flexible Grant, which provides funding to states and school districts to support local priorities that improve student achievement.
- ✓ Supports opportunities for parents to enroll their children in local magnet schools and charter schools, and enhances statewide parental engagement.
- ✓ Protects state and local autonomy over decisions in the classroom by limiting the authority of the secretary of education, including by eliminating the secretary's ability to inappropriately influence state decisions to adopt the Common Core or other common standards or assessments.
- ✓ Eliminates Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and replaces it with state-determined accountability systems, thereby returning authority for measuring student performance to states and districts.
- ✓ Repeals federal "Highly Qualified Teacher" requirements and directs states and school districts to develop teacher evaluation systems that measure an educator's influence on student learning.
- ✓ Maintains the requirement that states and school districts issue and distribute annual report cards, including disaggregated data on student achievement and high school graduation rates, while also streamlining data reporting to ensure meaningful information is easily available to parents and communities.



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