

SB-21

To abolish the United States Department of Education and reform federal elementary and secondary education spending.

IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Thibault of New Hampshire introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "States'™ Rights in Education Act."

SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(a) Effective 120 days after this Act being enacted:

(1) The United States Department of Education shall be abolished

(2) Any and all programs under the oversight or jurisdiction of the Department of Education or the Secretary of Education shall be terminated.

(i) The Secretary of Education may recommend certain programs be deemed as essential,

and if the Secretary of the Treasury concurs with this recommendation, the program may be temporarily extended under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury pending further review by the Congress, which shall have final determination on the necessity of the program and the existing federal agency that shall permanently oversee it.

(ii) Should the Department of the Treasury deem itself not capable or properly qualified to execute its assigned duties under this Act, it shall be the Secretary of the Treasury's discretion to reassign such duties to other existing federal agencies.

(iii) Federal student loans and Pell Grants shall fall under the joint jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and the Department of the Treasury. The Department of Labor shall create rules, including but not limited to: major and minor requirements for loans, grade requirements to maintain federal support, and size limits for loans. The Department of the Treasury shall issue and collect repayment on the loans, including existing loans.

(b) Employees of the Department of Education shall receive severance pay for two months after the abolition of the Department based on their salaries:

(1) Employees earning more than \$200,000 a year shall receive 50% of their monthly salary.

(2) Employees earning less than \$150,000 a year but more than \$100,000 a year shall receive 65% of their monthly salary.

(3) Employees making less than \$100,000 a year shall receive 100% of their monthly salary.

SEC. 3. FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

(a) While it shall be the responsibility of the states, counties, and municipalities to allocate and distribute their respective funds to elementary and secondary schools under their jurisdiction, the federal government, under the jurisdiction of the Department and Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue grants to public, private, or charter schools, elementary or secondary, that apply, based on their need.

(b) Schools shall apply for these grants through a portal on the Department of the Treasury's website

where they must state the reason for the grant's need, what the intended uses for the grant funds are, how much they are requesting, and also submit any relevant documents to support their case, including, but not limited to, student body size variance and student achievement statistics.

(c) Schools receiving federal grant funds must:

(1) Utilize the funds in a way that promotes educational competition, academic quality, and student success.

(2) Defend and promote students' rights to freedom of speech, association, and organization on campus.

(3) Conduct themselves in such a way that does not inhibit a parent or student's fundamental right to school choice.

(4) Maintain open communications with parents regarding their students, their education, and their academic and mental health needs.

(5) Submit to the Department of the Treasury an annual report itemizing how the grant funds were utilized, including receipts, as well as a breakdown of the efficacy of those funds in fostering academic quality and student success.

(d) Should it be found that a school violated any of the terms outlined under Section 3(c) of this Act, any remaining grant funds shall be revoked and the school shall not be eligible to apply for further grants for two years.

(e) The grant program shall be funded using federal income tax from individual states proportional to those states' schools' utilization of the program.

(f) This grant program shall be enacted within 90 days of this Act's enactment.