

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4172

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2014

Mr. GIBSON (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student Testing Im-
5 provement and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Prior to 2001, Federal law required States
9 only to test students once per grade span.

1 (2) Following the enactment of the No Child
2 Left Behind Act of 2001, Federal education policy
3 has placed an increased emphasis on testing assess-
4 ments, requiring students to undergo standardized
5 testing every year in grades 3–8.

6 (3) Reducing the frequency of federally required
7 testing would allow more time for classroom instruc-
8 tion, decrease the burden on educational resources
9 associated with testing, and move our public edu-
10 cation system away from the practice of “teaching to
11 the test”.

12 (4) The yearly testing currently required by
13 Federal law should be replaced with grade span test-
14 ing.

15 **SEC. 3. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS.**

16 Section 1111(b)(3)(C) of the Elementary and Sec-
17 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(3)(C))
18 is amended—

19 (1) in clause (v)(I)—

20 (A) by striking “except as otherwise pro-
21 vided for grades 3 through 8 under clause vii,”;
22 and

23 (B) by inserting “and the achievement of
24 students against the challenging State academic

1 content and student academic achievement
2 standards” after “proficiency of students”;
3 (2) by striking clause (vii); and
4 (3) in clause (viii), by striking “, (vi), (vii)” and
5 inserting “and (vi)”.

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