

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2803

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure State control over academic standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN 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. STATE CONTROL OVER STANDARDS.**

4 Subpart 2 of part E of title IX of the Elementary
5 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901
6 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 9537. STATE CONTROL OVER STANDARDS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
10 strued to prohibit a State from withdrawing from the

1 Common Core State Standards developed under the Com-
2 mon Core State Standards Initiative, any other academic
3 standards common to a significant number of States, or
4 assessments tied to such standards.

5 “(b) PROHIBITION.—No officer or employee of the
6 Federal Government shall, directly or indirectly, through
7 grants, contracts or other cooperative agreements, through
8 waiver granted under section 9401 or through any other
9 authority, take any action against a State that exercises
10 its rights under subsection (a).”.

11 **SEC. 2. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

12 The table of contents of the Elementary and Sec-
13 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by inserting
14 after the item relating to section 9536 the following:

“Sec. 9537. State control over standards.”.

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