

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2803

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

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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

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## 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 stituted 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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