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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

Did you know that an online for-profit school company was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Proposed Resolution on Straight A's: Academic Achievement for All

Whereas, after 34 years the federal Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) has failed to boost the academic achievement of the students the program purports to serve,

Whereas, the federal involvement in education ties the hands of states with mandates, paperwork, and bureaucracy,

Whereas, Congress does not allow states to consolidate the funds in the ESEA program to help existing state reforms and in some cases hinders state reforms,

Now therefore be it resolved that: the {legislative body} urges Congress to allow {name of state} to consolidate its share of the formula based categorical programs under ESEA to help {name of state} invest in the education of the students served under ESEA. {Name of state} invites the Federal Department of Education to enter into a contractual agreement with us in which we will outline how {name of state} will boost the academic achievement of our students. If {name of state} fails to raise student achievement per the contractual agreement, then ESEA programs will revert to the terms predating the contractual agreement.

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"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations-includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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From CMD: This resolution urges Congress to allow consolidation of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) funding. It looks for the ability to contractually use ESEA funding as block grants, which would allow states to not abide by federal regulations and requirements. This is premised on the alleged failure of ESEA. This resolution was passed prior to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) bill of President George W. Bush, although now some states seek relief from NCLB regulation.