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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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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?**

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Student Right to Learn Act

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

Summary

This bill requires all students to be educated in a core liberal arts curriculum and bases school accreditation on the measurement of academic improvement by each individual student.

Model Legislation

Section 1. {Short title} This Act may be cited as the Student Right to Learn Act.

Section 2. {Curriculum}

(A) All students shall be afforded intellectual challenge and shall be educated in a liberal arts curriculum consisting of essential, academic knowledge in order to provide each student with the foundational preparedness to reach such student's individual potential, and enable such student to continue his education at a liberal arts university or institution, should the student so choose.

(B) The State Board of Education shall identify the components of a core academic curriculum from the various learning disciplines, including, but not limited to: math, science, language arts, literature, history, social studies and the fine arts.

Section 3. {Accreditation} High academic standards of learning and assessments shall be constructed upon a foundation of academic competencies, and accreditation shall be based on the measurement of academic improvement by each individual student. That improvement shall be calculated by measuring the average of the cumulative achievement of the sum of students in a given class. Each student shall be given progressively challenging tests, administered in subsequent years so as to establish a baseline and means for measuring actual academic achievement.

Public report cards for school test results are echoed in the "No Child Left Behind" Act.

Section 4. {Reporting or data} Each school year, the education agency shall prepare and distribute to each school district and the public a report card for each school. The school report cards must be based on the most current data available disaggregated by student groups and easily understandable by the public. School performance must be compared to previous school and district performance, current district performance, state established standards, and comparable school group performance.

Section 5. {Severability clause}

Were your laws repealed?

Section 6. {Repealer clause}

Section 7. {Effective Date}

Adopted by the Education Task Force at the States and Nation Policy Summit, December 1999. Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors January 2000.

Related Files

[The Student Right To Learn Act](#) (Microsoft Word Document)

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