

Legislative Responses to No Child Left Behind

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Below is a review of various States' response to No Child Left Behind was provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures.¹

I. These states that considered, or are considering, bills or resolutions to "opt out" of NCLB:

Arizona
Hawaii (2003 House Resolution – passed)
Minnesota
New Mexico
Utah
Wyoming

II. These states are considering bills that would prohibit the state from spending state funds to comply or state that they will comply only in areas fully funded by the federal government:

Maine
New Hampshire (2003 – failed)
Utah
Vermont (2003 – passed)

III. These states are considering resolutions or memorial requesting Congress and/or the President to provide waivers or other means of flexibility and/or additional money to cover its mandates:

Alaska	Indiana	Oklahoma	Virginia
Arizona	Iowa	Tennessee	Washington
Connecticut	Minnesota	Utah	Wyoming
Idaho	New Mexico	Vermont	

IV. These states are doing, or have done, studies to determine the costs associated with NCLB:

Connecticut	New Hampshire
Hawaii	North Dakota
Indiana	Ohio
Maine	Utah
Minnesota	Vermont

V. These schools or districts have rejected or reallocated Title I funds to avoid costly sanctions associated with failing to make AYP, such as providing school choice, supplemental services and technical assistance:

Illinois – Evanston Township High School: considering rejecting \$131,000 in federal money to avoid costs associated with NCLB (2/23/04).

Connecticut – Chelshire, Marlborough, and Somers school districts are refusing federal money to avoid costs associated with NCLB. (Chelshire receives approximately \$80,000 in federal money; no figures were given for the other two districts.

Vermont – Orleans Southwest, Southwest Vermont and Windham Northeast supervisory unions are reallocating Title I funds away from certain schools so that they are not subjected to sanctions for failing to make AYP.

¹ (Information found in NCSL's No Child Left Behind Quick Facts; for additional information contact scott.young@ncsl.org.)