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House approves bill to replace No Child Left Behind education law _ but testing will remain

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FILE - In this May 7, 2014 file photo, House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman Rep. John Kline, R-Minn. speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. The House is ready to vote Wednesday on a long-sought rewrite of the 2002 No Child Left Behind education law that would roll back the federal government's authority to push academic standards and tell schools how to improve. (AP Photo/ Evan Vucci, File) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By JENNIFER C. KERR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has voted overwhelmingly to sharply scale back the federal role in American education. But the legislation would retain the testing requirement in the 2002 No Child Left Behind law that many parents, teachers and school districts abhor.



The bill, approved 359-64, would return to the states the decision-making power over how to use students' test performance in assessing teachers and schools. The measure also would end federal efforts to encourage academic standards such as Common Core guidelines.

The legislation still would require states to intervene in the nation's lowest-performing 5 percent of schools, in high school "dropout factories" and in schools with persistent achievement gaps.

The Senate is to vote on the measure next week, and President Barack Obama is expected to sign it.

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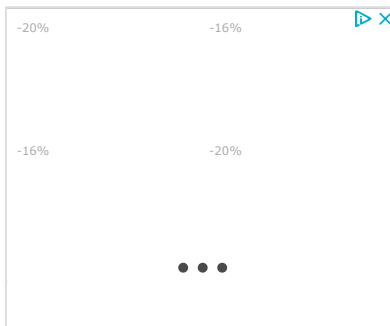
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