President signs bill strengthening K-12 STEM education

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On December 10, the President signed the Student Success Act (S.1177) into law. The act redistributes the responsibility for student performance at the K-12 public school level from the federal government to the individual states, and strengthens the federal government’s support of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

The act will ensure that states set high standards for students entering high school, and it directs state and local decision makers to develop strong frameworks for school improvement. The act also sustains accountability by guaranteeing that students who fall behind in school will have mandated resources made available to help them improve.