

4/22/2014 HB3399

[HB 3399](#) was filed this session to repeal the Common Core State Standards from Oklahoma law. The bill is a live round but it is BAD FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS.

The [Conference Committee Report on HB 3399](#) was filed late Tuesday (5/20/14) evening and the language in the conference committee report (CCR) would almost certainly cause Oklahoma to lose its waiver from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) / ESEA. How can we say this? The CCR would require the State Board of Education to revert our academic standards back to the PASS standards which have not been certified as “college and career ready” standards by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Without a certification from the State Regents for Higher Education that our academic standards are “college and career ready” **Oklahoma will lose its waiver from NCLB.**

What does it matter if Oklahoma loses its waiver from NCLB? If Oklahoma loses its waiver from NCLB school sites will be returned to the federal Academic Performance Index / AYP accountability system. Furthermore, school sites will return to their FY2012 designation on the federal ‘Needs Improvement List.’ Many school sites in Oklahoma would be in years three, four and beyond of the ‘Needs Improvement List.’

According to the State Department of Education, there are four federal / state turnaround models that could be imposed on school sites / districts as required for their designation on the ‘Needs Improvement List’ as follows:

- Close the school site, OR
- Convert the school site to a charter school, OR
- Fire the principal and half the teaching staff / replace with new staff, OR
- State takeover of the school.

Attached to this alert is a listing of school sites in Oklahoma that would have made AYP this year if Oklahoma were still subject to No Child Left Behind. **If your school site is not on this list you would be somewhere on the federal ‘Needs Improvement List’ and subject to some type of intervention from the state and federal departments of education.**

Please [contact your State Representative](#) TODAY and ask them to REJECT the [CCR for HB 3399](#).

Thank you for your help!

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