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The Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of The Council of State Governments will host a webinar on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM EDT.

Update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Since April 2015, Congress has been diligently working on rewriting the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act. On July 8, the U.S. House of Representatives passed, with a very close 218-213 vote, the Student Success Act, introduced by Representative John Kline of Minnesota. Shortly thereafter, on July 16, the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan compromise forged by Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Senator Patty Murray of Washington, named the Every Child Achieves Act. The House and Senate versions of the ESEA rewrite have much in common, but diverge on a few critical issues, such as school choice, accountability, and national student test opt-outs. By the end of July, the conference process to create the House and Senate compromise was underway, but much of the work remained on the table. Finding a middle ground for both chambers, and one that ultimately will receive a presidential signature, could prove challenging. This webinar will provide background on the history of ESEA, an update on the key differences currently being debated, and insights into what longstanding implications the new federal education policies will have for state governments.

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