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From eyeballing it, the gap's only about 1%, it seems...but it's systematically in favor of the argument. Using the bars without the figures/percentages seemed to me to be more effective when I looked at it earlier. It's not much, but it's something.

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Do you know the percentage of improvement?

The chart shows a slight improvement – which is still good – but I wonder if the percentage is better.

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From: Soura, Christian  
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Sen. Matthews' line of questioning yesterday got me wondering...how do test scores compare in states with a constitutional requirement to elect the Superintendent vs. states where the Governor appoints and the Senate confirms the Superintendent?

I just ran the numbers...turns out they do better in all 4 major categories (4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math) in states where the position is appointed.

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