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The Center on Education Policy to Offer Congress Recommendations on Modifying the No Child Left Behind Act

WHAT: On Tuesday August 28, 2007 the Center on Education Policy will send the U.S. Congress its recommendations for modifying the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act, in 2002.

Since 2002, the Center has monitored the effects of the federal law and offered **the most comprehensive independent reporting** on its implementation by surveying the primary officials and organizations charged with executing, managing and monitoring the law at the state and local levels. At the heart of the Center's work is a survey of all 50 states and a national representative sample of over 350 school districts. Additionally, the Center has performed supplementary research and analysis on significant aspects of NCLB, **including state test data, student achievement, and schools undergoing restructuring.**

The attached paper presents the Center's recommendations for changes to the No Child Left Behind Act, which focus on seven key areas, including: **achievement, testing and its impact on curriculum, accountability, schools in need of improvement, state departments of education, funding, and teacher quality.**