

A Bill for Strategic Metrics for Advanced Rigorous Teaching (SMART Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

Nationwide standards for core subject education shall be established and mandated across all public schools in the United States and its territories.

SECTION 2.

A. "Core Subjects" include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

B. The standards shall establish uniform benchmarks for educational proficiency, referencing evidence-based frameworks such as the Common Core State Standards (2010) and the Next Generation Science Standards (2013).

SECTION 3.

A. The Office of National Educational Standards (ONES) shall be created within the Department of Education to develop, disseminate, and enforce these standards.

1. ONES will include curriculum experts, state education representatives, and stakeholders from each core subject area.
2. The office will consult state boards, researchers, and subject-matter organizations to ensure equitable and rigorous standards adaptable to evolving needs.

B. ONES shall:

1. Periodically update standards to maintain relevance and competitiveness.
2. Provide technical assistance and resources to state education boards for implementation.
3. Monitor compliance through biennial audits and federal reporting systems.

C. Of the \$5 billion in federal funding allocated annually:

1. \$500 million shall support ONES operations, including standard development, compliance monitoring, and technical assistance.
2. \$4.5 billion shall be distributed to states and schools to aid compliance, with priority given to underfunded districts.

D. Schools failing to meet the standards will face a 10% reduction in federal funding after one year of noncompliance, increasing by 5% annually until compliance is achieved.