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GOALS 2000: THE DEATH WARRANT IS SIGNED

This year's budget bill (FY2000) eliminated large portions of Goals 2000, effective September 30, 2000. The following includes a description of the sections removed.

WHAT'S GONE (by September 2000):

Title III

- Over \$400,000,000 in invasive meddling of the U.S. Department of Education in local education through the Goals 2000 program.
- All state mandates for Goals 2000 programs.
- All requirements to “coordinate with School-to-Work programs” with Goals 2000.
- All state progress reports demonstrating compliance with Goals 2000.
- All state applications for Goals 2000 grants and subgrants.
- All direct Goals 2000 grants to local education agencies (which had created an “end run” around governors)
- All requirements for the state to submit “improvement plans” to demonstrate it is achieving the federal goals of Goals 2000-- to be approved by the Secretary of Education.
- All requirements for “partnerships” of state educational systems with business and higher education to implement Goals 2000.
- All state compliance with federal, Goals 2000 “content and performance standards.”
- All requirements to implement programs to train parents.
- All Secretary of Education approval of innovative educational programs using Goals 2000 funds.
- All Goals 2000 progress reports of state implementation to the Congress by the Secretary of Education.
- All gathering of data and creation of data bases to monitor states implementation of Goals 2000 standards.
- All funds for the “restructuring” of elementary and secondary education according to Goals 2000 standards.

Title IV

- All funds to provide secular instruction to parents on child rearing and to “strengthen partnerships between parents and professionals in meeting the educational needs of children from birth to 5.”
- All mandates to use funds for “parental assistance programs” including “Parents as Teachers” programs and “Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters.”

Title V

- The National Skills Standards Board which, under law, is “terminated”, “repealed,” and “sunset.”

WHAT'S LEFT:

Title I

- The description of the 8 National Goals which all start with “By the year 2000.” (For example one of the Goals is “By the year 2000, every school in the United States will be free of drugs, violence and the unauthorized use of firearms and alcohol.) This Title became obsolete as soon as it turned January 1st, 2000.

Title II

- The National Goals Panel made up of approximately 18 governors, congressmen, and state legislators. The Panel has no authority to do anything except hold hearings and meetings and annually report to Congress the progress of the nation to achieve the Goals 2000. They have no authority to require the states to give them any progress reports leaving them little to nothing to report.

Title VI through X

- Separate federal grants to the states and organizations, not tied to the Goals 2000 program, for fighting drugs, educating international students and minority students, and for educational research. All these programs will be improved, consolidated or ended by Congress during the year 2000 session.