

SESSION OF 2006

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1618**

As Agreed to March 31, 2006

Brief*

SCR 1618 would request that the United States Congress make a serious commitment to increase its funding of the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, commonly known as No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; the Higher Education Act; and the Individuals with Disabilities Act. The resolution points out that the federal government has decreased funding for the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1964 in fiscal year 2006 by \$793.0 million, decreased funding for postsecondary education by \$166.0 million, and decreased funding for programs that serve those with disabilities by \$21.0 million.

In addition, the resolution would request that the President, United States Congress, and United States Department of Education offer states waivers, exemptions or whatever flexibility is possible regarding the requirements of the acts in any year that federal funding for public elementary and secondary education is decreased to prevent states from spending state and local resources on activities that have not proven effective in raising student achievement and may not be the priority of an individual state.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to the House amendments and further amended the resolution by adding commonly known as No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Background

A representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards

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appeared as a proponent of the resolution.

The House Committee amended the bill by removing the title "No Child Left Behind" and replacing it with the "Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965." The Committee heard testimony that the new title is the correct title for the resolution.