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Provides education reforms.

Addresses providing greater flexibility to school districts by enabling them to fully realign resources around the evidence-based practices that will lead to better student achievement.

Initiates reforms to compensation policies.

Addresses the celebration of school district, school, and student success through recognition of the achievement with an awards program and a rewards program for innovation.

Develops an inventory of research-based and evidence-based practices to guide school districts as they implement improvements.

Addresses school discipline and school expulsion to provide school districts with a model policy to help standardize disciplinary practices and data collection of suspensions and expulsions.

Creates opportunities for reentry and reengagement in school for long-term suspended or expelled students through an individually tailored plan.

Addresses the need to recognize highly productive public schools and reward innovation and to assist public schools that are struggling by creating a recognition program, a grant program to reward innovation, and a locally administered school reform program.

Creates a joint select committee on educator compensation to provide oversight, monitoring, and direction to revise the current salary allocation schedule.

Creates the strategic innovative grant account.