

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **TITLE VII—LOCAL CONTROL**

2 **SEC. 701. OPT-OUT.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
4 gress that States and local educational agencies retain the
5 rights and responsibilities of determining instructional
6 content and materials, curriculum, program of instruction,
7 academic standards, and academic assessments for ele-
8 mentary and secondary education.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
10 sure that the Secretary, or any other officer or employee
11 of the Federal Government, whether through a grant, con-
12 tract, or cooperative agreement, is not authorized to man-
13 date, direct, review, or control a State, local educational
14 agency, or school’s instructional content or materials, cur-
15 riculum, program of instruction, academic standards, or
16 academic assessments.

17 (c) OPT-OUT PROCESS.—A local educational agency
18 shall be given an opportunity to opt out of the provisions

1 of this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, using
2 procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Education.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “local
4 educational agency” and “State” have the meanings given
5 the terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
6 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

