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IRRC number 2976 is a power grab. Applying Common Core Standards will replace any and all local control of our children's education. The burden of implementing this will be enormous and it would be foolhardy for anyone to believe it will somehow "be paid for" out of existing budgets or actually covered by the Federal Governments monies. Testing requirements are 5-7 hours for a day of testing . How are teachers going to put that kind of time in. Who will oversee this large program – at the state level? – at the federal level? How levels are how much bureaucracy is being created ? This is just plain dumb.. How many staff will have to be hired (with all the accosted long term legacy costs). This is simply more unnecessary bureaucracy and will not fix any underlying problems.

Additionally, not only do we lose control locally but it seems our destinies now lie in international hands "...Upgrade state standards by adopting a common core of internationally benchmarked standards.... Leverage states' collective influence to ensure that textbooks, digital media, curricula, and assessments are aligned to internationally benchmarked standards..."

Additionally it seems that these national standards & coming curricula & tests are being done by circumventing congress and ignoring federal law

Most importantly, once these standards etc. are implemented local control will be all but dead and buried.

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