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WHAT STATES ARE DOING

NORTH CAROLINA legislators have passed a bill requiring
the state board of education to eliminate "unnecessary and
duplicative paperwork" in public schools.
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State and local policies that restrict teacher mobility
are counterproductive in the effort to keep quality
teachers in the classroom. DELAWARE, MARYLAND, PENNSYLVANIA,
VIRGINIA and the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, organized as the
Mid-Atlantic Regional Teachers Project, are working to ease
the teacher shortage in the region by working toward full
regional licensure reciprocity, pension portability for
teachers and the development of regional standards for
alternative certification.
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The TEXAS legislature has passed a bill empowering the
state board of education to require students in
kindergarten through grade 6 to participate in up to 30
minutes a day of physical activity. Exemptions must be
provided for students who are unable to participate

because of illness or disability.
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GOOD READS

"Building a New Role: States and SCHOOL FACILITIES," a new three-part report by Education Week, examines the changing role of the states in addressing the nation's need to build and modernize its public schools.
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The National Science Foundation's Urban Systemic Initiatives, an eight-year federal effort to improve MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION in urban schools, paid off in higher test scores and increases in the number of minority students taking high-level courses, according to an analysis of the project.
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The combined value of the human, financial and in-kind resources provided by SCHOOL/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS is an estimated \$2.4 billion a year, according to a new report by the National Association of Partners in Education (NAPE). The number of school districts nationwide engaged in partnership activities increased from 51% to nearly 70% in the past decade, the NAPE study shows.
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ECS PUBLICATIONS

ECS has released "Education Finance in the States: Its Past, Present and Future," a series of issue papers focused on past trends, current events and future possibilities in the realm of SCHOOL FINANCE. The first two papers available are: "The Status of School Finance Today" and "21st Century School Finance: How Is the Context Changing?"
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ep>

UPCOMING EVENTS

The COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS will hold its 45th Annual Fall Conference October 17-21, 2001, in Norfolk, Virginia.
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OTHER USEFUL WEB SITES

Reading Online, a peer-reviewed journal of the International Reading Association, is a leading online source of information on LITERACY research and practice in K-12 classrooms.
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