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WHAT STATES ARE DOING

The MAINE legislature has appropriated \$30 million to create
the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, which will, among
other things, put a laptop computer in the hands of each
7th grader in the state starting in fall 2002.
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Beginning in 2003, all freshmen enrolling in COLORADO
public colleges and universities will be able to transfer
completed coursework within a defined set of core
general education credits to any other public higher
education institution in the state. House Bill 1263, which
has been signed by Governor Bill Owens, also requires the
Colorado Commission on Higher Education to establish a
state standard of 120 credit hours for a baccalaureate
degree.
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GOOD READS

Dropping out is not an isolated event, but a gradual

process that begins long before a student actually leaves school, according to a new report from the National Academies' Center for Education. The report, "Understanding DROPOUTS: Statistics, Strategies and High-Stakes Testing, says that inadequate data on key questions are preventing educators from identifying students at risk of school failure early, when intervention could make a difference.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#gr>

A new report by The National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education and the Institute for Educational Leadership concludes that the K-12 and higher education systems must work collaboratively to provide incentives for high school students to work hard during their senior year. The report, "Overcoming the High School SENIOR SLUMP," includes recommendations to help high schools "reclaim" the senior year.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#gr>

NEW ECS PUBLICATIONS

Two new topics have been added to the Education Issues section of the ECS Web site. One covers EXTENDED-DAY PROGRAMS, an increasingly popular strategy being used by states to provide safe and academically enriching after-school activities for students. The other covers TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION policies at the postsecondary level.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ep>

NAMES IN THE NEWS

MANUEL NUNEZ, a school board member from Fresno, California, has been elected chairman of the board of the Council of Great City Schools, a coalition of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Nunez will serve a one-year term ending in July 2002.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#nn>

ARNE DUNCAN has been named chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools, succeeding Paul G. Vallas, who had headed the district for six years. Duncan had been in charge of establishing magnet programs in the Chicago schools since 1998.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#nn>

OTHER USEFUL WEB SITES

STATELINE.ORG, a Web site operated by the Pew Center on the States, provides state-by-state news and information on public policy developments in several areas -- education, health care, environment, taxes and welfare reform.
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