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WHAT STATES ARE DOING

CALIFORNIA Governor Gray Davis has signed a series of education bills into law:

AB 75, which creates a Principal Training Program. Under the program, the state will provide incentive funding to provide additional leadership training to all of California's 15,000 school principals and vice principals by 2004.

SB 19, which seeks to improve the eating habits and nutritional intake of school children by limiting the types of food that can be sold at school facilities. The governor, however, refused to approve an appropriation for the initiative from the state's general fund.

AB 620, which establishes a High-Tech High School Grant Program. The program will provide \$2 million grants to establish 10 high schools that provide a college preparation curriculum with an emphasis in science, mathematics and engineering, or digital arts and media. Funding for the bill is contingent on appropriations.
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GOOD READS

Across the country, economic fallout from the terrorist attacks of September 11, as well as a general slowing of the economy, is starting to be reflected in STATE COFFERS. A new nationwide survey conducted by

Stateline.org found 40 states reporting fiscal problems ranging from mildly depressed revenues to severe budget shortfalls.

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A new National Education Goals Panel study examines factors contributing to the success of the DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL SYSTEM. The report, "March Toward Excellence: School Success and Minority Student Achievement in Department of Defense Schools," offers a series of eight policy recommendations for state and local school systems to consider in improving the performance of their schools.

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A new publication from the National Center for Education Statistics provides a snapshot of how well America's 4th graders are prepared to meet their CITIZENSHIP responsibilities. The results are based on 30 questions from the 1998 NAEP Civics Assessment.

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ECS NEWS

ECS commissioners provide leadership for ECS initiatives as well as for their states' education agendas. ECS announces the appointment of several NEW COMMISSIONERS, including State Senator J. Alex Villalobos from Florida and State Senators Raymond Rawson and Dina Titus and Assemblywoman Debbie Smith from Nevada.

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NEW ECS PUBLICATIONS

The latest issue of the PROGRESS OF EDUCATION REFORM is now available on the ECS Web site. The issue deals with the effects of high school curriculum on a student's success in college.

<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ep>

ECS PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

ECS is seeking recommendations for nominations for three prestigious AWARDS that recognize outstanding and innovative contributions to education. The awards will be presented at next year's National Forum on Education Policy. The deadline for recommending nominations is Thursday, November 1, 2001.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

President Bush has announced that he will nominate WILLIAM LEIDINGER to be assistant secretary of eEducation for management. Leidinger has served with Price Waterhouse Coopers since 1997.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

The 33rd NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESS Annual Conference will take place on November 5-6. At the meeting, corporate executives, public policymakers and education leaders will react to federal education legislation, coordinate action steps to improve math and science education and discuss priorities for postsecondary education.
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OTHER USEFUL WEB SITES

The DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Web site has been redesigned to improve its organization and function. Visitors may now create personalized profiles on the site to see the latest information about their favorite education topics. Users also can sign up for weekly updates announcing new additions to the site.
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