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Per the discussion on Friday, attached is our draft on legislative changes to NAEP needed in connection with the Title I assessment provisions.

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## Amendments to the National Education Statistics Act (NAEP) (3/14/01):

SEC. ---. Section 411 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b)(2) to read as follows:

"(2) <u>STATE ASSESSMENTS.</u>—(A) The Commissioner, in carrying out the National Assessment—

"(i) may conduct State assessments of student achievement in grades 4, 8, and 12; and

"(ii) shall conduct annual State assessments of student achievement in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 in order for States to carry out section 1111(c)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

"(B)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), a participating State shall review and give permission for the release of results from any test of its students administered as a part of a State assessment prior to the release of the data. Refusal by a State to release its data shall not restrict the release of data from other States that have approved the release of that data.

"(ii) A State participating in the annual State assessments of its students in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 shall be deemed to have given its permission to release its data if it has an approved plan under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965."; and

(2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) <u>PARTICIPATION.</u> –(1) <u>NATIONAL AND REGIONAL</u> <u>PARTICIPATION</u>.—Participation in the national and regional assessments by State and local educational agencies shall be voluntary.

"(2) <u>STATE PARTICIPATION.</u>—Participation in assessments made on a State basis shall be voluntary.

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