

Wisconsin Institute for Liberty and Law: Addresses ESSA process, state plan, and opportunities missed

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Frequently Asked Questions About Every Student Succeeds Act

May 30, 2017 - Milwaukee, WI - Right now the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is making policy decisions unilaterally that will determine the course of Wisconsin K-12 education policy. It is part of the state's compliance with new federal law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). To help understand what DPI is doing and how they are doing it, WILL attorneys CJ Szafer and Libby Sobic have authored a "[FAQ on the Every Student Succeeds Act.](#)" The short FAQ covers the following:

1. An explanation of the Every Student Succeeds Act,
2. How ESSA will impact Wisconsin K-12 education policy,
3. DPI and Superintendent Evers are making decisions on ESSA without legislative approval, potentially raising state law violations, and
4. DPI's current draft of the state plan is largely an extension of the status quo and fails to take advantage of opportunities for reform that other states are embracing.

Don't have time to read the FAQ? Check out our video, "[ESSA in 60 seconds.](#)"

Major decisions will be made in K-12 education policy in the coming weeks. The time is now for the public - and legislature - to closely follow the implementation of ESSA.

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