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STEM Network Act

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STEM Network Act - Directs the Secretary of Education to award matching grants to state-based STEM networks or similar organizations to increase elementary and secondary school students' achievement in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines, particularly in rural and low-income schools.

Includes among grant uses:

- testing, sharing, and scaling up STEM education research, promising practices, and exemplary programs;
- identifying state STEM education weaknesses and prioritizing strategies to address them;
- implementing rigorous common STEM education content standards;
- developing and implementing innovative STEM assessments;
- promoting and developing pre- and in-service STEM teacher training;
- developing STEM career pathways and workforce education and training programs that reflect 21st century workforce needs; and
- facilitating the implementation of extended STEM learning times on school sites.

Requires grantees to conduct periodic independent evaluations of their effectiveness in accomplishing those activities.

Prohibits the Secretary from: (1) endorsing or approving any STEM curriculum designed for use in an elementary school, secondary school, or institution of higher education; or (2) requiring a state, local educational agency, or school to adopt a specific STEM program or instructional materials.

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