

# Every Student Succeeds Act (S. 1177) Pilot Program for Weighted Student-funding Formulas



**To enhance opportunities for students and ensure that resources are distributed equitably, the Every Student Succeeds Act creates a pilot program for locally-developed funding formulas that drive more dollars to the students most in need.**

## KEY PROVISIONS

- ▶ Gives local educational agencies (initially, up to 50 approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education) flexibility to consolidate a significant share of state and local education funding, along with certain federal dollars, to create a single school funding system based on **weighted per-pupil allocations** for low-income students, students with disabilities, English-language learners, and otherwise disadvantaged students.
- ▶ Requires local educational agencies to use weights that allocate **substantially more** funding to educationally disadvantaged students than to other students
- ▶ Protects **high-poverty schools** by ensuring that they receive more per-pupil funding under a demonstration agreement than they received the prior year
- ▶ Provides that weighted student formulas (WSFs) must be based on **actual per-pupil expenditures**— personnel and non-personnel—to ensure equitable support for high-need schools
- ▶ Requires local educational agencies to provide assurances that they developed—and will implement—their demonstration proposals **in consultation** with teachers, parents, community leaders, and other stakeholders
- ▶ **Money does NOT follow students** (i.e., no “portability” or “backpack funding”)