

Rep. Abed offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 360.**

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to delete the No Child Left Behind requirement which mandated an increase in tests from six to fourteen.

Whereas, There are many concerns about the negative effects and harm caused by the overuse and misuse of high-stakes standardized testing and questions about the role of the federal government in student testing; and

Whereas, Congress is considering the "Student Testing Improvement and Accountability Act," H.R. 4172, which would reduce the number of federally-mandated standardized tests from fourteen to six. As the bill states, before the passage of the 2001 federal No Child Left Behind Act, students were required to be tested only once per grade span. The passage of No Child Left Behind increased over-reliance on testing assessments and requires all students to be tested in grades three through eight and once in high school. Less frequent standardized testing would provide more time for classroom instruction, reduce costs associated with testing, and decrease the emphasis on "teaching to the test"; and

Whereas, This bill would mitigate the negative consequences of standardized testing by replacing current annual testing requirements with grade span testing. Furthermore, it would reduce the negative impacts on schools and students brought about by No Child Left Behind; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to delete the No Child Left Behind requirement which mandated an increase in tests from six to fourteen; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.