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South moves to reform education

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FORT WORTH (AP) — Southern states have adopted sweeping public school reforms recently, with higher teacher pay and tougher courses of study the most popular, according to a study released Tuesday.

"I think it indicates that southern states want to see substantial improvement in the product of the school system, which is the student," said Joseph P. Albright, speaker of the West Virginia House.

The study — conducted by the 15-state Southern Legislative Conference and released at the group's 40th annual meeting — said a total of 185 major education reform measures were enacted in the 15 states from 1980 to 1986.

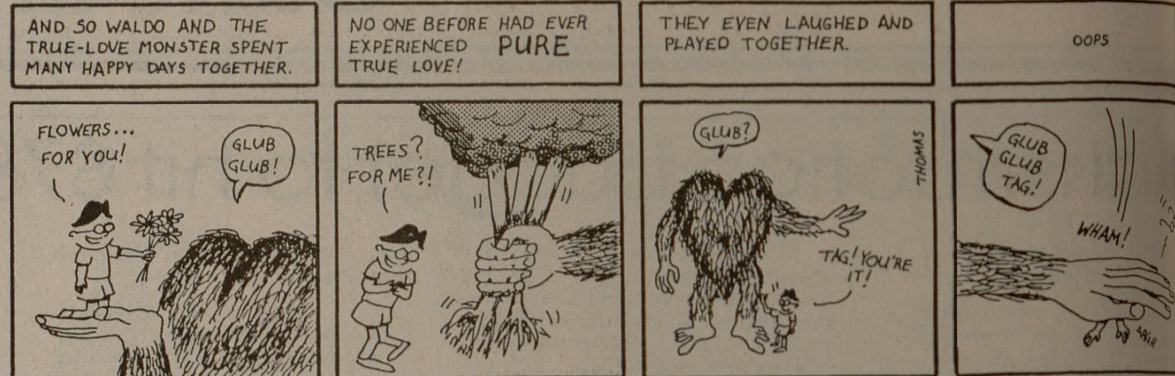
Two measures were enacted by 14 of the 15 Southern Legislative Conference member states — teacher salary hikes and more stringent curriculum requirements, said C. Gilmore Dutton of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, which compiled the report.

Dutton said two other improvements also proved popular with 12 states — tests that measure the progress being made by students and actions to reduce the size of classes.

Other much-favored reforms included requirements that teachers pass competency tests, career ladder bonus systems for teachers and more stringent high school graduation requirements.

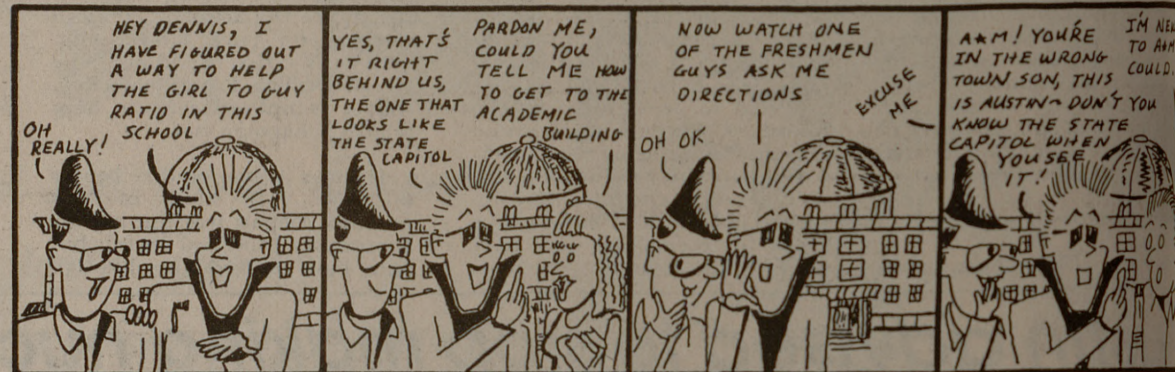
One of the most controversial reforms Texas adopted in its sweeping 1984 overhaul of public schools was a no pass, no play rule requiring students to pass all their courses to participate in extracurricular activities.

Only three other states — Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee — have adopted no pass, no play restrictions, the study said.



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