



## **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Refresher and Upcoming Webinar**

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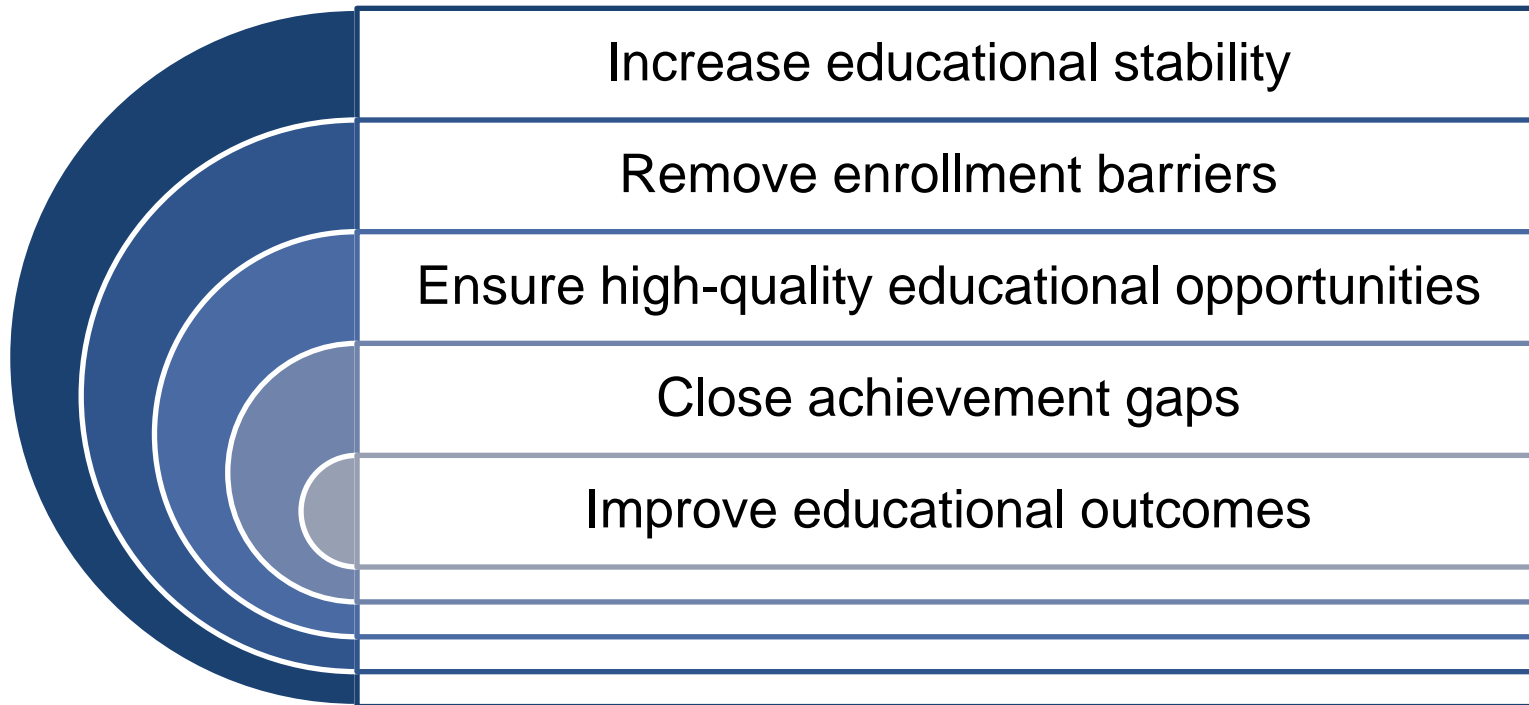
# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Signed into federal law on 12/10/15
- Reauthorizes and Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)
- Includes foster care provisions that complement requirements of the Fostering Connections Act (2008) to address the educational needs of students in foster care





# Key Components of ESSA



# DSS Educational Stability Forms

- **DSS-5133: Foster Care Notification of Placement (Change) Form**  
*Within **one school day** of the BID meeting (or one school day of the child's placement if a BID meeting was not held prior to placement) this form must be provided to the child's school*
- **DSS-5137: Best Interest Determination Form**  
*If a BID meeting does not occur prior to initial entry into foster care or change in placement. Must complete within **5 school days** of a child's entry into foster care or change of placement.*
- **DSS-5137a: Best Interest Determination Override Form**  
*Only to be used when Child Welfare Director approves BID meeting being waived*
- **DSS-5135: Foster Care Immediate Enrollment Form**  
*Outcome of BID meeting to enroll in new school, this form is provided to new school within **one school day**.*
- **DSS-5245: Child Education Status Form**  
*Completed within **7 days** of a child entering care and **updated annually***  
DSS-5245 Instructions

# **Upcoming Webinar – *Collaborating for the Educational Stability of Students in Foster Care***

**3/19/24  
9-11am**

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4382376708352110936>

# Webinar Agenda

**Welcome**

**Foster Care in NC**

**Every Student Succeeds Act**

**Rationale, Provisions, and Responsibilities**

**Responsibilities of Local Education Agencies (LEAs)**

**Responsibilities of Local Departments of Social Services (DSS)**

**Collaboration at the Local Level**

**Wrap Up/Questions**

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