

Trump moves to dissolve Education department, Shifting key responsibilities



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Washington, March 21, 2025 — In a significant move, President Donald Trump has signed an executive order aimed at dismantling the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). The order shifts several of the department's key functions, including student loan management and special education services, to other federal agencies.

Under the new directive, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will oversee federal student loan programs, while the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will assume responsibility for special education services. The decision has raised concerns about the future of the nation's educational infrastructure, with critics questioning the potential disruptions to essential services.

Although the executive order marks a significant step toward reducing federal oversight in education, the full dissolution of the DOE would require approval from Congress. The order starts the process, but it remains uncertain whether the necessary legislative support will materialize. Supporters of the move argue that the reallocation of responsibilities to specialized agencies will reduce bureaucratic inefficiencies. They also suggest that this decentralization could empower states and local governments to have more control over education-related decisions.

However, opponents warn that the shift could lead to complications, particularly for students, educators, and families relying on federal student loan assistance and special education resources. They also express concern about the long-term impact on the education system's ability to address national challenges.

As the proposal advances, it is expected to face significant debate in Congress, with both sides of the political spectrum weighing in on its potential consequences.

