



More states backtracking on Common Core, says Cato spokesman

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In a move that could further curtail the efforts of Common Core implementation, Florida's governor is halting the state's role in the multi-state testing system for the Core.

Gov. Rick Scott is stopping participation in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, one of the two assessment consortiums for the Core.

Neal McCluskey of the Cato Institute says testing is one of the three legs necessary for the Core to stand, likening it to a “tripod” that includes common standards and tests.

“You get rid of that then commonality is all out the window,” he says.

About half a dozen states so far are withdrawing from participation in Core testing.

McCluskey says other states yet to withdraw are taking note of Florida's decision not to participate. He names two states, Louisiana and Wisconsin, where the governors are second-guessing participation in Common Core.

McCluskey and the Cato Institute are hosting, "Common Core: The Great Debate," Thursday, October 3, at noon eastern time. Representatives from the American Principles Project and the Thomas B. Fordham Institute will be among the debaters.