

Bush speaks out for No Child renewal

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WASHINGTON - President George Bush said Thursday that the No Child Left Behind Act is working and needs to be reauthorized.

But the education law, Bush's signature domestic policy, faces an uphill battle on Capitol Hill as it approaches its renewal date.

The New York Times has reported that lawmakers on the left think the law requires too much testing and those on the right think it allows too much government interference.

Bush on Thursday described the law as "a piece of legislation which believes in setting high standards and using accountability to make sure that every single child gets a good education."

"I strongly support the notion that when we find a child falling behind that there ought to be extra federal help so that child can catch back up early, before it's too late," Bush said.

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