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## Gates: Every State Has Its Price

The Gates Foundation has embarked on a compelling new experiment testing the hypothesis that a policy proposal, no matter how inane, will be adopted by state legislators if enough money is dangled as an inducement.

The pilot effort is [already underway](#), with states eligible for funding if they meet eight criteria, modeled after some of the arbitrary policies that Education Secretary Duncan is advocating in connection with his Race to the Top spending.

If states jump at this initial enticement, the Foundation has even bigger plans. Inside sources have told *EdTweak* that Gates is contemplating including a demand that twit-

tering count as a substitute for P.E. class, that states allow howler monkeys to teach advanced math classes, that schools hold mass bonfires of iPhones and iPods, and that legislators be required to swim in giant vats of Campbell's Chunky Sirloin Burger soup.

"The time is right for this," said Gates spokesmodel Christine Jollity, citing the current hard times, the lack of any guiding moral compass among policymakers, and the general corruption of the political system.

"Honestly, we're just having fun," Jollity explained. "We want to see how far states'll go before they tell us to fuck off."

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