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## **FRENCH PM CASTEX ANNOUNCED ENDING OF THE PREFECTS BODY WHILE KEEPING THE FUNCTION**

### **OVER REFORM OF HIGH PUBLIC SERVANT SCHOOL**

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This reform "should make it possible to better recruit, train and support senior government officials in the diversity of their functions and professions. There is therefore no question that this reform could undermine the prefectural function, its specific features and its attractiveness," [?] continued those around Jean Castex. It should make it possible, through the creation of a single body of State Administrators, "to promote more open and less compartmentalized paths, better monitored and regularly assessed throughout their career. It should allow "young senior civil servants to start their careers in the field, in operational functions and, more than today, in the territories", assures Office of the French Prime Minister, Matignon

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