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Israel repeals 2005 act on West Bank settlement pullout

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JERUSALEM — Israeli lawmakers on Tuesday repealed a 2005 act that saw four Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank dismantled at the same time as Israeli forces withdrew from the Gaza Strip. The development could pave the way for an official return to the abandoned West Bank areas in another setback to Palestinian hopes for statehood.

[...]

A prominent Israeli think tank, the **Institute for National Security Studies**, also joined the growing chorus of opponents to the judicial overhaul on Tuesday. It said the “changes in their current form will seriously harm” Israel’s military operations, endanger ties with the U.S. and harm the economy.

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