



EDUCATION FREEDOM

EXPANDING SCHOOL CHOICE TO ALL FLORIDA FAMILIES

HOUSE BILL 1

ELIMINATES the current financial eligibility restrictions and allows any student who is a resident of Florida and is eligible to enroll in K-12 to participate.

CONTINUES to prioritize awards to students with household incomes that do not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level and creates a second tier of priority from 185 percent to 400 percent.

ELIMINATES the current enrollment cap on students who can participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options.

EXPANDS the number of scholarships for students with unique abilities by tripling the annual increase from 1% to 3%.

REQUIRES the development of a new online portal for parents that shows every educational option available for their student.

ELIMINATES the unnecessarily restrictive requirement that students must complete at least 1 credit to graduate through a virtual course.

REMOVING RED TAPE AND BUREAUCRACY IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION

WAIVES the general knowledge requirement for a teacher who has been in the classroom for 3 years and has been rated effective or highly effective for each of the last 3 years.

EXPANDS the length of a temporary certificate to 5 years instead of 3 years. Currently, only a temporary certificate issued to an eligible person who was honorably discharged from the military was valid for 5 years.

REQUIRES the State Board of Education, with input from stakeholders, to recommend additional repeals and revisions to the education code to reduce regulation on public schools.

LEADING THE NATION IN SCHOOL CHOICE

IT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE

1.3 MILLION

K-12 STUDENTS LEARN FULL TIME VIA A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CHOICE OPTION.

Florida's full time public and private choice enrollment is larger than **35 STATES' ENTIRE K-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENTS.**

- #1** for Parental Power according to the Center for Education Reform.
- #1** in Education Freedom according to the Heritage Foundation.
- #1** in state spending on private choice.
- #1** in tax credit scholarship enrollments, ESA enrollments, and in voucher enrollments.
- Florida's private choice enrollments represent one-third of the entire nation.

BUILDING ON ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2019:

2019

Created the Family Empowerment Scholarship.

2020

Expanded the Family Empowerment Scholarship to meet the demand for choice.

2021

Created annual increases in scholarships for students with unique abilities.

2021

Offered families the option to receive a \$750 scholarship for transportation to a school other than the school to which the student was assigned.

2022

Expanded resources for struggling readers in elementary school through the \$500 New Worlds Reading Scholarship.