

Action Alert- Oppose HB2532

Expansion of the School Voucher Program is bad for Tennessee

We need your help to stop the expansion of Education Freedom Scholarships (vouchers) from the current 25,000 to 40,000 vouchers. These vouchers of \$7,295 per student, are given to Tennessee families so that their children can attend a private school (or a virtual school) of their choice. **HB2532** would dramatically expand the administration's push to prioritize private education over public education in this state. In a tight budget year, it is especially fiscally irresponsible to expand a program that has yet to demonstrate a track record of success. If fully funded, 40,000 vouchers would cost \$300 million in the next fiscal year alone.

Talking points:

- Vouchers waste taxpayer dollars on private schools while our public schools are underfunded.
- So far, there is no data on how students taking the EFS voucher are doing, but the results are in on the older ESA voucher; most students perform substantially less than poorer than their peers who stay in public schools.
- Rural counties lose out when taxpayer funds do not support local public schools and no private schools are available as an option for their children. A disproportionate number of vouchers are awarded to families in the state's four largest urban areas.
- The governor's EFS universal private school voucher subsidizes wealthier families who already have children using private schools.

Look at the committee list. If your representative serves on the House Finance Committee, please call or email their office before Tuesday and urge them to vote NO. Phone calls are best. It is okay to leave a message. Be sure to say that you are a constituent.

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