

School Choice

3/10/23- Passed 4 House committees-in process of filing amendments

3/10/23 Florida Family *Description:* This bill expands the Florida Education Scholarships to all students statewide, allowing the tax dollars to follow the child to the school of the parent's choice, allowing parents to determine how their children are educated. This act will revolutionize school choice here in the state of Florida and allow parents, who would otherwise be forced to have their children in public schools, the freedom to choose other options. The bill exempts traditional home education from the bill's oversight for those homeschoolers who decline to use the funds and establishes a separate category in state statute for those who choose to homeschool and receive the funds, under the category of personalized education plans.

Action: On Wednesday, HB 1 passed the Employment and Education Committee, 16-4 and on Friday, passed the final stop, Education Quality Subcommittee, 13-3, and now heads to the floor. Also on Wednesday, SB 202 passed the Appropriations Committee on Education 9-4. It also has one remaining stop before heading to the Senate floor.

Action Alert-

Subject- Support HB 1 School Choice

NOTES: [Link to additional committee meeting notes in detail.](#)

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Dear Legislator,

Passing HB 1 will preserve Florida's status as a national leader for school choice. Most importantly, HB 1 will allow every parent the opportunity to customize their child's education based on the child's requirements, not on income or the family's resident address.

Expanding school choice guarantees education equity for the 2.9 million students across the state. Every parent deserves the right to choose the best school system for their child(ren).

Please support HB 1, providing justice for educational freedom for all families in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

1/27 CS/HB 1- General Bill by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee and Tuck and Plasencia (CO-SPONSORS) Amesty; Anderson; Baker; Barnaby; Basabe; Black; Brackett; Fine; Garcia; Jacques; Leek; Lopez, V.; Massullo; Payne; Persons-Mulicka; Plakon; Porras; Rizo; Roach; Robinson, W.; Sirois; Snyder; Tramont

1/26 House- **Choice & Innovation Subcommittee** [Vote](#) [Video- only HB 1 bill discussed at meeting.](#)
(Teresa Miller attended the meeting)

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KEY NOTES: Link to full notes BILL SPONSORED Tuck- For decades Florida has been a **national leader in providing quality education options** for our students and parents and that is exactly what house bill 1 seeks to do today. HB1 will be **transformational for education system** and here is why expanding out educational eligible for FTC and FESEO scholarships to include any student that is living in Florida and eligible to enroll in Kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school. Expanding more options to parents- for instructional materials and tutoring and eligible students with disabilities to eliminate waiting list. **Join me in making history today keeping in the forefront of educational choices. Keep parents in the driver's seat, fund students not systems.**

Tuck- not impact public schools- **District not responsible for child if not in school**

Waldon:- If student not going to public school there is not a cost for the school but what about the **fixed cost?**

Tuck- point to expand eligible to every student to have a **customized education**

Tuck- **not looking at income statuses**

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Tuck- private schools still have to abide by the federal discrimination laws. The same with everybody else.

25:00 Nixon- she sounds stoned- In what ways does this bill create choice opportunities if private schools are allowed to **discriminate** based on race, or sexual orientation or even hair styles, does your bill take into consideration that

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FHD Valdez- Please elaborate students with **exceptionalities**... how are we expanding the access to our students with exception, in the private school settings.

Tuck- expanding program capacity to eliminate waiting list

Audience testimony-

Regina Paizo- head of home school... work together to advocate for all florida families... **fresh perspective for school choice**... freedom and self government are not undermin create optional testing

Florida Citizens for Alliance- Stevens- Fine bill- **Long dreamed of the day when we see education freedom come to Florida**... We have tried to imagine a time when **parents were trusted with the decisions related to their children**, a time when parents who already choose their child's dentist would be allowed to choose their child's teacher. We're all on the threshold of such a day and we urge support for HB 1.