

## **Educational Choice for Children Act** *H.R.531 and S.120*

The *Educational Choice for Children Act* ([ECCA](#)) was re-introduced in January 2023 by Senators Bill Cassidy (LA) and Tim Scott (SC) and by Representatives Adrian Smith (NE-3) and Burgess Owens (UT-4). There are 29 Senate [co-sponsors](#) and 138 House [co-sponsors](#) of this legislation, including House Speaker Mike Johnson, which is the most congressional support ever for a bill to enact parental choice in education.

Federal scholarship tax credit. Non-refundable 100 percent credit to encourage individual and corporate contributions to not-for-profit scholarship granting organizations (SGOs); that is, private donations of up to \$10 billion annually to enable parents to choose the best, most suitable school or education service for approximately two million children. There is no role for the U.S. Department of Education and no new federal spending nor mandates on states and school districts.

Eligible students. Students in grades kindergarten through 12 from both low-income and middle-class households are eligible in every state and every school setting, including homeschool; that is, children in households with incomes up to 300 percent of the median gross income level by region as [determined](#) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Scholarship use. SGOs determine the individual amount of scholarship awards and uses, including tuition, tutoring, education technology, on-line courses, and special needs services, e.g., students could remain in district public schools in more rural areas while using scholarships for education needs other than tuition or to cover homeschool expenses.

Religious liberty and private school autonomy. Prohibits governmental control, mandates or encroachment over SGOs that receive tax-credited contributions and schools that enroll scholarship recipients.

“Commitment to America”. The [legislative means](#) in the House Republican [Commitment](#) to “expand [parental choice](#) so that more than a million students can receive the education their parents know is best.”

Public Support. School choice enjoys more across-the-board voter support of any public policy issue over time. The latest example ([here](#)) is a RealClear Opinion Research poll of 1,000 registered voters from June 27-30, 2023 that found school choice overall had 71% support to 13% opposed. Among political parties, 66% of Democrats, 80% of Republicans and 69% of Independents favored school choice. In addition, 73% of black, 71% of Latino, 70% of Asian and 71% of white voters support school choice. In October 2023, the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means conducted a [hearing](#) that prominently featured the ECCA.

Coalition Support. There are more than 100 national and state-based organizations and influencers that support and have endorsed the ECCA, listed [here](#).

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(118th Congress – S.120; H.R.531)**

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## **National Organizations**

ACE Scholarships  
ACSI Children's Education Fund (ACEF)  
Agudath Israel of America  
America First Policy Institute  
American Association of Christian Schools  
American Federation for Children (AFC)  
American Principles Project  
Americans for Tax Reform  
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
Catholic Education Partners  
CatholicVote  
Children's Scholarship Fund  
Club for Growth  
Coalition for Jewish Values  
Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Catholic Education (USCCB)  
Council for American Private Education (CAPE)  
Defense of Freedom Institute (DFI)  
Family Policy Alliance  
Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinEd)  
Freedom Foundation  
FreedomWorks  
Heritage Action for America  
Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)  
Orthodox Union Advocacy  
Independent Women's Forum – Education Freedom Center  
Parental Rights Foundation  
Parents Defending Education Action  
Partners in Mission  
Protect the First  
60Plus Association

## State-Level Organizations and Leaders

### **Alabama**

Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF)  
Alabama Policy Institute (API)  
Scholarships for Kids

### **Alaska**

Alaska Family Action

### **Arizona**

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO)  
Arizona Leadership Foundation  
Institute for Better Education  
School Tuition Organization 4 Kidz (STO4KIDZ)  
Tuition Organization for Private Schools (T.O.P.S. for Kids)

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Parents for School Choice  
The Arkansas Reform Alliance  
Laurie Lee, Chair, The Arkansas Reform Alliance

### **California**

California Policy Center  
Lance Izumi, JD, distinguished school choice leader

### **Colorado**

Hon. Cory Gardner, former U.S. Senator, Colorado  
Parents Challenge  
Ready Colorado  
The Schuck Initiatives Foundation

### **Delaware**

Caesar Rodney Institute

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Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Frontline Policy Action  
Georgia Center for Opportunity (GCO)  
Georgia Leadership Foundation

### **Idaho**

Idaho Family Policy Center

### **Illinois**

One Chance Illinois – Action  
Ambassador Ronald Gidwitz, former Chairman,  
Illinois State Board of Education

### **Iowa**

The Family Leader  
Hispanic Alliance for Choice in Education Reform (HACER)  
Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education

### **Kansas**

Kansas Family Voice

### **Kentucky**

Commonwealth Educational Opportunities  
Commonwealth Policy Center  
EdChoice Kentucky

### **Louisiana**

LA Kids Matter  
Louisiana Family Forum  
Eddie Rispone, Founder – ACE Scholarships Louisiana  
Rolfe McCollister, Former Member,  
Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors

### **Michigan**

Great Lakes Education Project  
Mackinac Center for Public Policy  
Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)  
St. John Lutheran School

### **Minnesota**

Opportunity for All Kids (OAK)

### **Mississippi**

Empower Mississippi

### **Missouri**

Agudath Israel of Missouri  
Herzog Tomorrow Foundation

### **Montana**

Frontier Institute  
Montana Leadership Foundation

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### **New Hampshire**

Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire

### **New Jersey**

Excellent Education for Everyone (E3)  
Jersey 1st

### **New York**

Empire Center for Public Policy  
BISON Children's Scholarship Fund  
Families for NYC

Hon. John J. Faso, former Member of Congress, New York  
Partnership Schools – New York and Ohio  
New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms

### **North Carolina**

Parents for Educational Freedom North Carolina (PEFNC)

### **Ohio**

Center for Christian Virtue  
School Choice Ohio  
Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF)  
Ohio Christian Education Network

### **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA)

### **Pennsylvania**

Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)  
Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund  
Commonwealth Partners  
Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund  
Pennsylvania Commonwealth Foundation  
David P. Hardy, Co-Founder, Boys' Latin School  
Philadelphia, PA  
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Pennsylvania Family Council  
Pennsylvania Families for Education Choice

### **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Center for Freedom & Prosperity

### **South Carolina**

Palmetto Family Council

### **South Dakota**

South Dakota Leadership Foundation

### **Tennessee**

Beacon Center of Tennessee  
Latinos for Tennessee  
Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST)

### **Texas**

San Antonio Coalition for School Choice

### **Virginia**

The Family Foundation of Virginia  
Middle Resolution Policy Network  
Virginia Education Opportunity Alliance (VEOA)  
Hon. Robert W. Goodlatte, former Member of Congress, Virginia

### **Wisconsin**

Hispanics for School Choice  
School Choice Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Family Action

The Invest in Education Coalition is leading the national advocacy efforts to pass the ECCA in the U.S. Congress.  
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