

## How to Make A Difference in Arizona!

### if you only have...



#### 5 minutes

Log into RTS and take a position on one or two of these bills.



#### 10 minutes

Send an email to one or more of the Legislative sponsors of these bills and take a position in RTS.



#### 30 minutes

Make a phone call to one of the Legislative sponsors of these bills, send an email to one or more of the sponsors, and take a position in RTS.

### Top 5 Ways to Reach Out to Your AZ Legislators

1. Meet w/ Legislator in Person

2. Call YOUR Legislator

3. Call ANY Legislator

4. Personal Email

5. RTS

## Oppose Sen. Allen and Rep. Bolick's Voucher Bills

The voters have spoken: **No new vouchers.** Please respect Arizona taxpayers and families by prioritizing accountability, transparency and increasing funding for public education, not more voucher schemes from out of state interests.

Contact Sen. Allen on SB1395 & SB1396



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Contact Rep. Bolick on HB2474



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## Oppose Sen. Livingston's Anti-Oversight Voucher Bill

It's a horrible idea to give ESA oversight to the Treasurer instead of the Arizona Department of Education. Taking the oversight of an education program out of the hands of educators is a step in the wrong direction, and **defies the will of AZ voters.**

Contact Sen. Livingston on SB1320



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## Support Sen. Boyer's STO Cap Bill

This measure would cap the growth of student tuition organization (STO) voucher tax credits at 2% or inflation, and lower the administration fee from 10% to 5%.

A growth cap is important because our state has now spent a cumulative \$1 billion on STO donations and are paid for by dollar-for-dollar credits from the state's general fund. Lowering the admin fees is important because it keeps more of the money where it should be: serving the kids.

Contact Sen. Allen on SB1168



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Contact Sen. Boyer on SB1168



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## ESA Voucher Bills

### SB 1395



Oppose

**Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Program Revisions Expands ESA Eligibility; Allows for Vocational Education; Outsource Financial Management**  
Sen. Sylvia Allen

Would expand access to Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA vouchers) to students in grades 1-12 attending or living in the boundaries of D or F-rated schools or school districts. Allows ESA voucher students to remain eligible until they attain a GED or reach age 22.

It allows for ESA voucher money to be spent on and tuition and fees for career

and technical education and vocational education.

Requires testing for full-time students in grades 3-12 starting in 2019-2020, except for kids with disabilities, and requires schools with 50+ ESA students to annually publish aggregate test scores.

Allows third parties (including private schools and lobbyists like AFC) to interact with ADE on the student's behalf.

Outsources financial management to a 3rd party. Allows parent appeal for any eligibility decision.

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# SB 1396



Oppose

## **Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Qualified Students Expands ESA Eligibility to Families at 185% of Federal Poverty Limit**

Sen. Sylvia Allen

Would expand the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA voucher) program to any child whose family income is under 185% of the limit to qualify for federal reduced-price school lunch. That limit is itself 180% of the federal poverty level – or \$91,615 for a family of four. By comparison, Arizona’s median household income is \$53,510. The Department of Revenue and the Department of Education would be jointly responsible for income verification.

# STO Bills

## SB 1168



Support

## **STO; Credit Cap; Low-Income Qualification**

## **Caps Private School STO Tax Credit Growth, Lowers Administration Fees for STO’s** Sen. Paul Boyer

Would cap the growth of student tuition organization (STO) scholarship tax credits at 2% or inflation, whichever is larger, and lower the administration fee from 10% to 5%.

A growth cap is important because STO donations topped \$1 billion in 2017 and are paid for by dollar-for-dollar credits from the state’s general fund.

If left to grow according to current law, by 2030, our state will spend more on these tax credits for corporations than those same corporations will be paying into our state budget.

Lowering the administration fee is important so that as much of STO donations as possible goes toward scholarships for children instead of to private administration. Many STO organizations in other states spend 3% to 5% on administration; a larger fee simply pads the pockets of the fund’s administrators.

# SB 1320



Oppose

## **Empowerment Scholarships; Oversight; State Treasurer Transfer ESA Voucher Program Oversight to Treasurer**

Sen. David Livingston

Would move the entire Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA voucher) program to the Treasurer. Assigned to Senate Finance Committee.



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