

This is not a drill!

We need all hands on deck. **Outside interests are pushing more ESA voucher bills, and lawmakers need to hear from us.** SB1320 removes oversight of the program from the Department of Education (and newly-elected Superintendent Hoffman, who ran on a platform of improving ESA oversight). SB1395 expands vouchers, mere months after we rejected expansion by a 2:1 margin!

Good and mad yet? Speak up! Your calls, emails, and RTS positions truly make an impact. Show up to the committee hearings listed below to make our opposition impossible to ignore. **Good bills need our support NOW and bad bills need to die this week.**

Oppose SB1320

- Voters just rejected this exact same proposal via Prop. 305 - respect the voters!
- It is irresponsible and harmful to take a complex education program out of the hands of educators and expect accountants to work with families on curriculum, therapies and more.
- Lawmakers want to champion ESA accountability? Then have the Legislature release the \$6 million earmarked for ESA oversight that its been withholding from ADE for years.

Oppose SB1395

- Hands tax dollars to a third-party for-profit vendor promoted by national special interests to privatize and profit from education funding.
- Eliminates what few standards are currently in place: re-evaluation of recipients, allowable goods and services, and more, opening the floodgates for even more fraud and abuse!
- Proposes “fixes” that are already in place meaning no actual improvements, just political games.
- Expands vouchers to even more people who aren’t already eligible via the existing 6 categories. For the cheap seats: **AZ voted NO NEW VOUCHERS!**

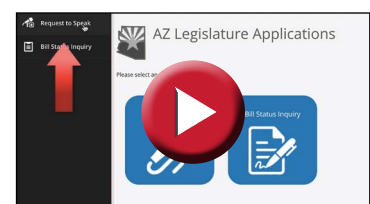
Support HB2185

- Welcome reform to a private school tax-credit program that has ballooned to divert hundreds of millions of dollars away from the state budget every year.
- Current recipients and donors aren’t affected - this just slows growth to a more reasonable rate of 2 percent per year.

Support SB1168

- Caps the growth of student tuition organization (STO) vouchers 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 tax 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.

PRO TIP: Even though this isn’t assigned to Committee yet, you can use “My Bill Positions” on RTS to give this a thumbs up and encourage lawmakers to hear this bill! Check out our 13-second how-to video:





SB 1320 & SB 1395

TWO ESA VOUCHER BILLS

**Assigned to Senate Finance Committee on
Wed, Feb 13 at 2PM in Senate Hearing Room 1
Call/Email these Senators:**

Mesnard, (R-17 Chair):	602-926-4481	JMesnard@AzLeg.gov
Livingston (R-22 V. Chair):	602-926-4178	DLivingston@AzLeg.gov
Boyer (R-20):	602-926-4173	PBoyer@AzLeg.gov
Farnsworth (R-16):	602-926-3020	DFarnsworth@AzLeg.gov
Leach (R-11):	602-926-3106	VLeach@AzLeg.gov
Ugenti-Rita (R-23):	602-926-4480	MUgenti-Rita@AzLeg.gov
Alston (D-24):	602-926-5829	LAlston@AzLeg.gov
Bowie (D-18):	602-926-3004	SBowie@AzLeg.gov
Contreras (D-19):	602-926-5284	LContreras@AzLeg.gov
Quezada (D-29):	602-926-5911	MQuezada@AzLeg.gov

Respect Arizona voters! #NoNewVouchers

These ESA bills are coming through the Finance Committee because they don't have the votes in Ed Committee. **PLEASE** call/email Finance Committee members and ask them to respect the will of AZ voters.

And perhaps the MOST important step...

JOIN US at a Committee Hearing this week! Wednesday is the most pressing (due to the ESA bills being heard) but any day you can wear SOSAZ Red and show them we're watching, please come down! **These start at 2 p.m. but will run long, so head down when you can!**

Monday

House Education
Committee Hearing



Tuesday

Senate Education
Committee Hearing



Wednesday

Senate Finance
Committee Hearing



Click the boxes for details! 