

# SB1452

## ESA Voucher Expansion Fact Sheet

Ignores the will of Arizona voters who rejected

# VOUCHER EXPANSION

just 3 years ago by an overwhelming majority of **2-to-1!**

## What makes SB1452 so bad for Arizona?

- **Establishes a near-universal voucher program** by claiming to target low-income students, but is so loose it will include 66.8% of AZ students, despite voter rejection of voucher expansion in 2018.
- **Makes students immediately eligible for vouchers** by removing the 100-day public school attendance requirement, accelerating the loss of funds to public schools.
- **Allows voucher students to double-dip with ESAs and STOs** by creating an exemption from current law to allow high school students to simultaneously accept funds from both voucher programs.
- **Makes ESA voucher account money spendable for life** by preventing the state from recovering unused funds and allowing voucher students to use funds forever as long as they spend some every year, despite recipients stockpiling 5-and-6-figure balances.
- **Lets voucher families who have committed fraud reinstate their voucher accounts** as long as they simply repay the balance of fraud they were discovered to have committed.
- **Dismantles school buildings for voucher students** by requiring ESA recipients to be paid a per-pupil proportion of the Classroom Site Fund without subjecting them to the same auditing oversight or performance pay plans district recipients of Prop. 301 funds are subject to.
- **Makes transportation an allowable voucher expense** but doesn't provide for transportation expenses for charter or open-enrollment students, the bulk of school choice use in AZ, demonstrating **it isn't about choice, but undermining public schools.**
- **Removes voter input on ESA voucher program** by initiating direct payments of tax levies to ESA recipients before those funds become part of the General Fund, creating a bypass of voter protections established with Prop. 105.