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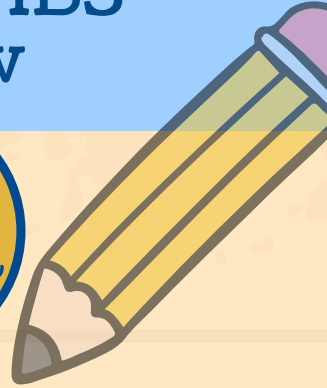
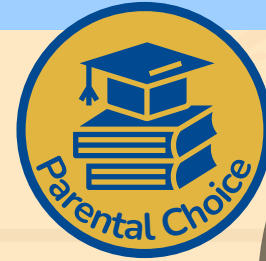
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Both HB 3 and SB 2 meet the minimum requirements of the bishops' criteria for supporting parental choice legislation by including 1) accountability through accreditation and the administration of a norm-referenced assessments, 2) strong religious liberty and private school autonomy protections, and 3) prioritization of the poor and vulnerable. HB 3 has stronger accreditation requirements and better prioritization of the poor.

SB2 and HB3 Review



Eligibility



Prioritization



ESA Amount



SB 2	HB 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">80% of available positions for children in public school or entering pre-K or Kindergarten20% of available positions for children in public, private, or home school entering pre-K or Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No requirement for prior public school attendanceSiblings are given the same eligibility as any sibling in the program
<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the number of applications to the program does not exceed the number of program spots available, all eligible applicants will be accepted into the program.If the number of applications exceeds the number of program spots available, acceptance into the program will be determined by lottery as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">80% of available ESAs reserved for students who have previously attended public school; and either are a member of a low-income household* or have a disability.20% of ESAs available for all other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Priority is for students who are disabled and the family must be under 500% of the federal poverty level.*If the number of applicants in the first category does not exceed the number of program spots available, priority will be to students of families under 200% of the federal poverty level.If the number of applicants in the first and second categories does not exceed the number of program spots available, priority will be to applicants whose families are under 500% of the federal poverty level.After all applicants in the above three categories are accepted, all remaining applicants will be accepted
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All students accepted into the ESA program are annually credited a minimum of \$2,000 to their Education Savings Account.However, if a family participating in the ESA program chooses to enroll their participating child in an accredited private school, that student's account is annually credited:<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$11,500 for a child with a disability\$10,000 for a child without a disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All students accepted into the ESA program are annually credited 85% of the average for statewide funding (approximately \$10,000) to their Education Savings Account.Students with disabilities receive up to \$30,000, in alignment with funding provided for them in public schools.Home school students are limited to no more than \$2,000 per year.No rollover limit

*For a family of four, the federal poverty level is \$32,150; 200% = \$64,300; 500% = \$160,750