



**[W]ith the explosion of public charters, magnets and creative choice schools, the need to siphon money away from public schools as a way to embolden innovation and diversity of opportunity is no more.”**



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**SB 3 recycles the worst of previous sessions' voucher proposals and stacks them all in one bill:**

**“Education Savings Accounts” (ESAs) and “tax credit scholarships” are school vouchers.** Those who want to send your tax dollars to private schools and commercial vendors disguise these proposals by calling them “savings accounts” and “scholarships.” But these are just fancy names for school vouchers that take funding from your local public schools to provide a taxpayer-funded government subsidy to private schools and commercial interests.

**Public dollars for private schools.** Promoted as “choice,” ESAs, tax credit scholarships, and other school vouchers take your tax dollars and turn them into government subsidies for private schools and other private interests.

**Your tax dollars, no accountability for results.** Private schools receive tax dollars through voucher programs with no strings attached.

- Private schools can admit or exclude whom they choose.
- Private schools do not have to comply with the same rules as local public district and charter schools and are not subject to state oversight for quality.
- Private schools cannot be excluded from voucher programs even if they produce poor results for students.
- ESAs go one step further, allowing tax dollars to be spent on an array of private vendors with zero accountability, increasing the possibility of fraud.

**SB 3 would undermine the high quality choices provided by Texas district and charter schools – the only entities operating with transparency and accountability for results – in favor of private schools and vendors who are unaccountable to Texas taxpayers.**

For more information on how SB 3 benefits private interests at the expense of Texas students, families, and taxpayers, visit [raiseyourhandtexas.org/vouchers](http://raiseyourhandtexas.org/vouchers).