
FEDERAL EDUCATION CHOICE LEGISLATION & PROPOSALS IN THE 115th CONGRESS
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The Native American Educational Opportunity Act

The Native American Educational Opportunity Act would enable children attending Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools to access education savings accounts (ESAs) to attend a private school of choice and to afford other education opportunities. Parents of eligible students could then use their ESA funds to pay for private school tuition, online learning, special education services and therapies, curricula, textbooks, and a host of other education-related services, products, and providers. Unused funds could even be rolled over from year-to-year, and invested in a college savings account.

POC: Nick Matiella, Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2018

More than 50% of military families live in states that provide no choice in where they can send their kids to school. A recent survey by Military Times found that 35% of service members have considered leaving military service altogether because of the limited options for their child's education. The Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2018 would instruct the Secretary of Education to establish an education savings account on behalf of a military family (if the family chooses) to pay for applicable education expenses, including private school tuition. The opening of an account would be optional and funded through the federal Impact Aid program.

POC: Mark Rusthoven, Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN)

The SOAR Act, DC Opportunity Scholarship Program

Established in 2004 as the only federal voucher program, the SOAR Act offers DC residents scholarships to attend private schools in the amount of \$8K for grades K-8 and \$12K for grades 9-12. In May of 2017, the SOAR Act was reauthorized for three years, attached to the FY18 Appropriations bill. However, there is a hope for the authorization to be extended and there is a need for some technical fixes regarding mandates on participating schools.

POC: Ted McMann, Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI)

Federal Education Tax Credit

The Education Tax Credit would be a new federal law that allows individuals and corporations to donate to K-12 scholarship programs would grant parents in all 50 states the flexibility to access the best K-12 option for their child. Presently, there are 21 state-level tax-credit scholarship programs successfully operating in 17 states.

POC: Jake Vreeburg, Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN)

USA Workforce Tax Credit Act

There is an urgent need to ensure the preparation of current and future workers for the changing needs of the U.S. economy. Job creation and job preparation must go hand in hand. The USA Workforce Tax Credit Act would meet this need by encouraging charitable donations for community-based apprenticeship initiatives, career and technical education, workforce development, and educational preparedness. Eligible nonprofit organizations include educational institutions, community organizations, training institutes, community colleges, scholarship groups, and nonprofits affiliated with labor unions and labor-management committees.

POC: Andrew Robreno, Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)

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