

Florida Passes Largest School Choice Expansion in U.S. History

In June, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 7067, which is the largest expansion of a private school choice bill ever passed in the United States. The law allows the Family Empowerment Scholarship to grow by at least 28,000 students every year.

The Family Empowerment Scholarship was created last year to address the overload of applications for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program for low-income children. The tax credit scholarship serves over 100,000 children each year. The Family Empowerment Scholarship allows low-income and working-class families with scholarships to pay tuition for the private school of their choice.

[More information from Governor DeSantis](#)

Iowa Expands Student Tuition Organization Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

In June, the Iowa legislature passed a bill to increase the cap of the Student Tuition Organization Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This again will allow more opportunities for families to attend private schools. If the Student Tuition Organizations (STOs) receive contributions totaling 90% or more of the \$15 million cap in 2022, there will be automatic 10% increases in the contribution cap the following year. Previously, corporations could only contribute a maximum of 25% of the total cap, but now both corporations and individuals can contribute without restrictions up until the total cap is hit.

Utah Passes Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Bill

Utah Governor Herbert initially vetoed a bill for special needs children. But then this past spring signed HB 4003 into law, creating Utah's first tax credit scholarship program for children with special needs. The program includes a means test for scholarships with more funds available for lower-income families. Eligible families will have the flexibility to use scholarship funds for private school tuition that meets their unique needs, educational therapies, online curriculum and other education-related expenses.

[More information from Utah State Legislature](#)