

Vouchers Will Hurt Tennessee Public Schools

According to conservative estimates, Governor Lee's universal private school vouchers plan will add **\$861.9 million dollars in new costs to Tennessee taxpayers** in the first five years alone.

NO PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Private schools accepting taxpayer-funded vouchers are **not required to serve students with disabilities** nor are they subject to anti-discrimination laws.



OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT STUDENTS ALREADY ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOL

The program in Arkansas, the state after which this proposal was modeled, saw **95%** of its vouchers go to **students who'd never attended public schools** in its first year and states with similar programs report the vast majority of recipients are the same. *This giveaway to wealthy and private corporations will be borne by Tennessee taxpayers.*

NO REAL INCOME RESTRICTIONS

The limit for the 10,000 vouchers subject to an income threshold in year one of the program is **\$173,160** for a family of four. That's

555%

of the federal poverty line, and there is no income restriction in year two and beyond.

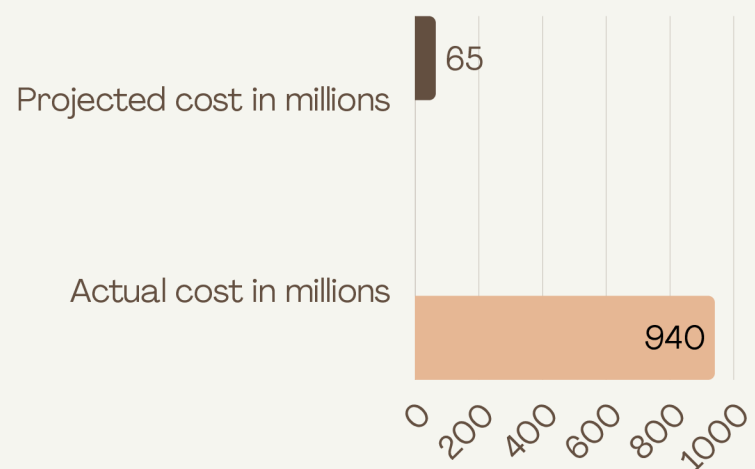
NO MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY TO TAXPAYERS

The bill provides no credible accountability to ensure students are learning. Voucher schools are **exempt from the tests required of public schools** and are not even required to take norm-referenced tests.

LEAD TO DECREASES IN K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL SPENDING



Ballooning costs of universal voucher programs in Arizona, Florida, Indiana, and Ohio have led to decreases in public K-12 school spending.



*The cost of Arizona's voucher program was **more than 1300% above its initial estimates**, leading to a massive budget shortfall.*



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NO on Gov. Lee's statewide voucher plan.
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