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Resolution: Regarding the Passage of the Educational Choice for Children Act (2025)

Whereas, the US Congress included key provisions of the Educational Choice for Children Act (HR 833) into the "[One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)" (P.L. 119-21)¹, which passed Congress in July 2025 and was signed by the president to take effect in 2027, to create a federal tax credit program for individuals and businesses to donate to non-profit scholarship granting organizations; and

Whereas, the non-profit scholarship granting organizations are charged with distributing financial awards² in the form of scholarships (vouchers) to parents to be used to offset the cost of private school tuition or other educational services³ deemed necessary by the parents; and

Whereas, the funds that are moved into the tax-credit program dilute the overall amount of tax revenue that supports the general good of society⁴; and

Whereas, there is mixed research to indicate that academic gains of students in states where a voucher system is already in place have improved⁵; and

Whereas, state governors have the option of adopting this model of school choice, the result is potential pressure on these state leaders from the SGOs (Scholarship Granting Organization) who are approved to distribute donations from the program⁶ in exchange for a percentage for administrative costs; and

Whereas, states have limited ability to oversee the quality of the educational services or facilities that are being purchased with the use of the scholarship funds; and

Whereas, Florida's School Choice program was initially implemented as the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) program in 2001 as a mechanism to fund scholarships for low-income students to attend private schools or public schools outside their zone, but now has evolved into a universal voucher program (Family Empowerment Scholarship, 2023) that provides funds (Educational Savings Accounts (ESA))⁷ for any student regardless of family income resulting in a loss to the public school districts in Florida of \$4 billion in 2024-2025⁸; and

Whereas, significant financial and accountability challenges including the inability to accurately project budgetarily for the volume of scholarship applications, and the lack of a reliable tracking system of students between public and private schools during the first year of the program in Florida, which according to Senator Don Gaetz (R-Crestview) has resulted in “the state’s inability to find 30,000 students and the amount of money unaccounted for on any given day exceeds \$270 million⁹,” ; and

Therefore, be it

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members reaffirm their support for the value of a strong, high-quality and well-funded system of public school education for all students as the backbone of a healthy and sustainable democracy; and

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members examine the impact¹⁰ of the quality of the instructional program provided by a largely unregulated government funded private school system: and

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members seek information related to the management and accountability of public resources that are being siphoned from traditional public schools, and disseminate this information to its members, and

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members recognize and support the role of parents as key decision makers regarding the education of their children, and support further expansion with full funding of school choice options within the public school system to meet the needs of all students; and

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members advocate with legislators to postpone enactment of P.L. 119-21 until further study of the financial impact on traditional public schools,¹¹ especially in states where the funding mechanisms are largely dependent on local resources; and

Resolved that the key women educator organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, U.S. Forum members will encourage legislators to recognize the importance of decision-making based on research and statistics related to the impact of tax supported private schools by authorized federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Education.

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