

I support HB 1532. K-12 education is not only a legal requirement for a parent but it also the right to an education is a matter of constitutional right. Forcing the choice based on taxes/financial to send to public only should not be institutionalized. As a parent, we should have the right to more options to fulfill our child's individual educational needs, whether that be class size, or access to IEP's (Individualized Education Plans) primarily provided in the public setting. My family is not wealthy by any means. I was raised by a single mom who's only option was to send me to a public school where my graduating class was in the hundreds. Although I did well, perhaps there are others who would have thrived not only socially but also academically in a smaller environment and would have been afforded that opportunity. This is the choice I am making for my children and just the same as we would have the right to send our child to public using public dollars from taxes, of which I pay, I also should be able to utilize monies of which exist to pay a portion of the educational expenses. It is clear that the bill will NOT exceed 30% of the student's payment rate and therefore it is entirely reasonable to say that 30% is ONLY covering the cost of education – an education of which is both a constitutional right and a legal requirement. The remaining 70% of which is the parents' obligation for their choice could be construed to be the individual type choices made, such as if a parent were to choose a religious based private school.