

THSCA Legislative Alert: House Public Education Committee to Vote out Education Savings Account Bill TODAY

The House Public Education will vote on a wide-ranging voucher bill, [CSSB 8](#) today May 10. There will be a formal meeting called by the chairman which requires NO public testimony. If it passes it will move to the full Texas House of Representatives soon for a vote. Please contact your representatives ASAP and ask them to oppose this wide-ranging voucher bill.

What Action to Take:

We are urging all THSCA members to reach out to their House representatives **ASAP** to oppose SB 8, which includes an ESA/voucher.

1. [Look up who represents you in the Texas House/find contact info](#)
 - If your state representative is a [member of the House Public Education Committee](#), please contact your representative immediately and ask them to oppose SB 8 and NOT pass the bill out of committee **today** (May 10).
 - If your state representative is NOT a member of the House Public Education Committee, please contact your state representative and urge them NOT to support this measure that may come before the full House soon, as the Texas Legislature is entering the final weeks of this legislative session.
2. Please call your representative's office **IMMEDIATELY** to voice your opposition using the talking points below. This only takes a matter of minutes.
3. Follow up with an email with the subject line "**PLEASE VOTE NO TO SB 8**" and you can use the text below to paste into the email.
4. Share this alert with all those who support public education and ask them to do the same.

I strongly oppose the creation of any voucher program or savings account in Texas. The Texas legislature has a constitutional responsibility to make suitable provisions for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools. Our public schools are the foundation of our communities. I ask our legislators to focus their investment on the children, families, educators, and coaches who are building the future of Texas in our public schools.

Talking Points on ESAs/Vouchers

- Vote NO on Committee Substitute SB 8
- Strongly oppose vouchers/ESA programs that dilute funding for public schools and use public money for a private purpose. We need our public schools to remain strong in Texas.