



IMPROVING THE MOSCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Policy



Empowerment scholarship accounts (ESAs) allow families to use their state education dollars to tailor their children's education, either by paying for private school tuition or by covering educational costs associated with homeschooling or microschools.

The Facts



The existing MOScholars program requires scholarship-granting organizations to raise the scholarship dollars by soliciting tax-credit-eligible donations.



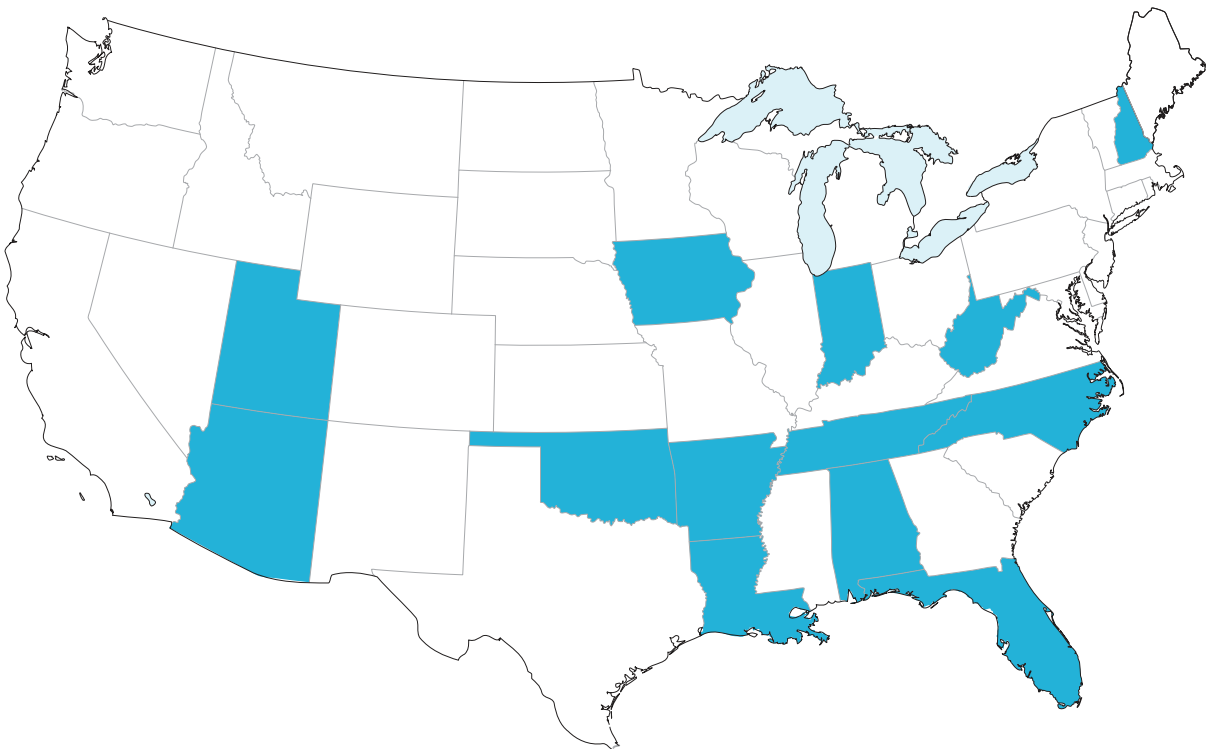
The state's current formula for determining the amount of state funds a district receives sends \$175M to \$200M per year to districts for students that are no longer attending school. This money could publicly fund at least 25,000 ESAs.

Good ESA Policy Checklist



Missouri should commit to publicly funding at least the first \$75 million in scholarships.

Within the last four years, thirteen states - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia - have passed laws to give all parents access to their state dollars for school choice.



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