

# 2017 OKLAHOMA LEGISLATIVE SCHOOL CHOICE REPORT CARD

## OVERVIEW

This report card evaluates how state legislators voted on school choice issues during the 2017 legislative session by tracking their votes on 11 key pieces of legislation dealing with the expansion of access to educational options for Oklahoma families and kids.

Choice Matters is a statewide program that focuses on giving parents information, resources, and support to help them navigate Oklahoma's pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education offerings.

## BILL SUMMARIES

### HOUSE BILLS

#### HOUSE BILL 1898

HB 1898 would expand the successful Opportunity Education Scholarship cap to a combined \$5 million. Additionally, this bill would allow for the carryover of capped tax credits Yr-to-Yr and extend the carryover timeframe from 3 Yrs to 5 Yrs.

*Last Action: The bill did not advance past the Senate.*

#### HOUSE BILL 1459

HB 1459 seeks to expand the successful Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship program. Currently, LNH scholarships are available to children with special needs, helping their families to cover the cost of private school tuition. HB1459 expands that eligibility to children in foster care and children adopted out of the foster system.

*Last Action: The bill passed both the House and Senate but was rejected by SA's office and was not signed by the Governor.*

#### HOUSE BILL 2295

HB 2295 seeks to create a universal Educational Savings Account (ESA) program throughout the state of Oklahoma. This bill details the uses and restriction of the funds for educational purposes and seeks to empower parents to make educational decisions for their children.

*Last Action: The bill was not voted on by the House and does not advance.*

#### SENATE BILL 625

SB 625 seeks to create a limited Educational Savings Account (ESA); restricted to families that qualify for one or more of the following student demographics: Low income, Foster, and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) learners. This ESA would have a cap of 1% growth limit per Yr going forward.

*Last Action: The bill was not voted on and does not advance.*

#### SENATE BILL 301

Senate Bill 301 expands the successful Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship program. Currently, LNH scholarships are available to children with special needs, helping their families to cover the cost of private school tuition. SB 301 expands that eligibility to children in foster care and children adopted out of the foster system.

*Last Action: The bill was signed by the Governor (5/12/2017).*

#### SENATE BILL 560

Senate Bill 560 seeks to implement Educational Savings Accounts (ESA's) for three of Oklahoma's largest most populous counties. This bill details the uses and restriction of the funds for educational purposes and seeks to empower parents to make educational decisions for their children.

*Last Action: The bill was passed by the Education Committee, but did not advance.*

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*Last Action: The bill was not voted on and does not advance.*

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**SENATE BILL 395**

SB 395 seeks to create a universal Educational Savings Account (ESA) program throughout the state of Oklahoma. This bill details the uses and restriction of the funds for educational purposes and seeks to empower parents to make educational decisions for their children.

*Last Action: The bill was not voted on and does not advance.*

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**SENATE BILL 396**

SB 396 seeks to create a universal Educational Savings Account (ESA) program limited to the largest cities in the state. This bill details the uses and restriction of the funds for educational purposes and seeks to empower parents to make educational decisions for their children.

*Last Action: The bill was not voted on and does not advance.*

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**SENATE BILL 413**

SB 413 would raise the tax credit incentive for the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Scholarship Fund from the current level of 75% of the charitable amount, to a full 100% of funds.

*Last Action: The bill was not voted on and does not advance.*

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**SENATE BILL 445**

SB 445 would expand the successful Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship cap to a combined \$5 million. Additionally, this bill would allow for the carryover of capped tax credits Yr-to-Yr and extend the carryover timeframe from 3 Yrs to 5 Yrs.

*Last Action: The bill was signed by the Governor (5/16/2017).*

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**SENATE BILL 399**

SB 399 seeks to create a universal Educational Savings Account (ESA) program throughout the state of Oklahoma. This bill details the uses and restriction of the funds for educational

## HOUSE REPORT CARD

Representative	HB 1459	HB 1898	SB 301	SB 445	Percentage	Grade
Babinec, Greg (R)	Y		Excused	Y	100%	A+
Baker, Rhonda (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Bennett, Forest (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Bennett, John (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Biggs, Scott (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Blancett, Meloyde (D)	Y		Excused	N	50%	F
Bush, Carol (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Caldwell, Chad (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Calvey, Kevin (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Cannaday, Ed (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Casey, Dennis (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
Cleveland, Bobby (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Cockroft, Josh (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Condit, Donnie (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Coody, Jeff (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Derby, Dale (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
District 46	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
District 75	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
District 76	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Dollens, Mickey (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Downing, Tim (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Dunlap, Travis (R)	Excused		Y	Y	100%	A+
Dunnington, Jason (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Echols, Jon (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Enns, John (R)	Excused		Excused	Y	100%	A+
Faught, George (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Fetgatter, Scott (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
Ford, Roger (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Fourkiller, William (D)	Y		Excused	N	50%	F
Frix, Avery (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Gann, Tom (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Goodwin, Regina (D)	Excused		Y	N	50%	F
Griffith, Claudia (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D

Hall, Elise (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Hardin, Tommy (R)	Excused		Y	Y	100%	A+
Henke, Katie (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Hilbert, Kyle (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Hoskin, Chuck (D)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
Humphrey, Justin (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Inman, Scott (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Jordan, John Paul (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
Kannady, Chris (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Kerbs, Dale (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Kouplen, Steve (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Loring, Ben (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Lowe, Jason (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Martinez, Ryan (R)	Excused		Excused	Y	100%	A+
McBride, Mark (R)	Excused		Excused	Y	100%	A+
McDaniel, Randy (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
McDugle, Kevin (R)	Excused		Y	Excused	100%	A+
McEachin, Scott (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
McEntire, Marcus (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Meredith, Matt (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Montgomery, John (R)	Y		Excused	Y	100%	A+
Moore, Lewis (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Mulready, Glen (R)	Y		Excused	Y	100%	A+
Munson, Cyndi (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Murdock, Casey (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Newton, Carl (R)	Y		Excused	Excused	100%	A+
Nichols, Monroe (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Nollan, Jadine (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
O'Donnell, Terry (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Ortega, Charles (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Osborn, Leslie (R)	Y	Y	Excused	Excused	100%	A+
Osburn, Mike (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Ownbey, Pat (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Park, Scooter (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Perryman, David (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Pfeiffer, John (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Proctor, Eric (D)	Excused	N	Y	N	33%	F
Renegar, Brian (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Ritze, Mike (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Roberts, Dustin (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+

Roberts, Sean (R)	Y		Excused	Y	100%	A+
Rogers, Michael (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Russ, Todd (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Sanders, Mike (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Sears, Earl (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Stone, Shane (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Strohm, Chuck (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Tadlock, Johnny (D)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Taylor, Zack (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Teague, Tess (R)	Excused		Y	Y	100%	A+
Thomsen, Todd (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Vaughan, Steve (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Virgin, Emily (D)	Y	N	Y	N	50%	F
Walke, Collin (D)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
Wallace, Kevin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Watson, Weldon (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
West, Josh (R)	Y		Y	Excused	100%	A+
West, Kevin (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
West, Rick (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
West, Tammy (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Williams, Cory (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D
Worthen, Rande (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Wright, Harold (R)	Y		Y	Y	100%	A+
Young, George (D)	Y		Y	N	67%	D

## SENATE REPORT CARD

Senator	SB 301	SB 445	SB 560	Percentage	Grade
Allen, Mark (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Bass, Randy (D)	Excused	Excused		N/A	N/A
Bergstrom, Michael (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Bice, Stephanie (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Boggs, Larry (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Brecheen, Josh (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Brown, Bill (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Dahm, Nathan (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Daniels, Julie (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
David, Kim (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Dossett, J.J. (D)	Y	N	N	33%	F
Dugger, Tom (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	F

Fields, Eddie (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Floyd, Kay (D)	Y	N		50%	F
Fry, Jack (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Griffin, A J (R)	Y	Excused		100%	A+
Holt, David (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Jech, Darcy (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Kidd, Chris (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Leewright, James (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
District 45	Y	Y		100%	A+
McCortney, Greg (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Marlatt, Bryce (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Matthews, Kevin (D)	Y	N		50%	F
Newberry, Dan (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Newhouse, Joe (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Paxton, Lonnie (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Pederson, Roland (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Pemberton, Dewayne (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	D
Pittman, Anastasia (D)	Y	N	Y	67%	D
Pugh, Adam (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Quinn, Marty (R)	Y	Excused		100%	A+
Rader, Dave (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Schulz, Mike (R)	Excused	Y		100%	A+
Scott, Paul (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Sharp, Ron (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	D
Shaw, Wayne (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
District 44	Y	Y		100%	A+
Silk, Joseph (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Simpson, Frank (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Smalley, Jason (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	D
Sparks, John (D)	Y	Excused		100%	A+
Standridge, Rob (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+
Stanislowski, Gary (R)	Y	Y	Y	100%	A+
Sykes, Anthony (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	D
Thompson, Roger (R)	Y	Y	N	67%	D
Treat, Greg (R)	Excused	Y	Y	100%	A+
Yen, Ervin (R)	Y	Y		100%	A+