



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 19, 2023

Speaker Ben Toma
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2504

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2504.

School Tuition Organization (STOs) tax credits divert taxpayers to pay for private school tuition. Over the last year, STOs diverted nearly \$272 million away from the state's general fund.

While I understand the good intentions of the bill sponsor and commend their support for children in the foster care system, I will not be supportive of further expanding the STO tax credit. My administration is committed to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are responsive to the needs of all children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs".

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

President Petersen
Representative Parker B
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary of the Senate
Secretary Fontes