

House Ad Hoc Study Committee on Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Governance and Oversight

PURPOSE: To solicit information from experts, parents, and the public about the structure and functions of an appropriate governance and oversight body for the administration of ESAs. The Study Committee shall determine appropriate uses of specified metrics reported by the Arizona Department of Education pursuant to the FY 2024 state budget, including the number of ESA students disaggregated by eligibility category, previous public school attendance, grade level, the number of English language learners, the number of students with a disability, and zip code of permanent residence, as well as the annual award amount associated with each ESA account and approved ESA expenses disaggregated by the type of expense. The Study Committee shall publish a report of its findings on or before December 31, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP:

House Four members of the House of Representatives, not more two from the same political party and one designated as Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Ben Toma (Chair), Vacant Z-1 House

Other The Governor of the State of Arizona or the Governor's designee:
Ms. Kathleen Hobbs, Governor of Arizona

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee:
Honorable Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Arizona Department of Education

One public member with extensive experience in school choice laws, policies, and procedures, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Mr. Other Z-3

One public member with extensive experience in special education laws, policies, and procedures, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Vacant

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