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## Speaker Toma & Leader Cano Agree to Create Ad Hoc Committee to Examine ESA Administration

**STATE CAPITOL, ARIZONA** — Discussions between House Speaker Ben Toma and Minority Leader Andres Cano have resulted in an agreement between the caucuses to create a House Ad Hoc Committee on Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Governance and Oversight to provide clarity and ensure that the governance and administration of Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) is appropriately designed to manage a growing and complex program.

The new study committee shall solicit information from experts, parents, and the public, and 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. More information on the ad hoc committee is available [here](#).

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