**EDUCATION FREEDOM**

**EXPANDING SCHOOL CHOICE TO ALL FLORIDA FAMILIES**

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**REMOVING RED TAPE AND BUREAUCRACY IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION**

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| **WAIVES** the general knowledge requirement for a teacher who has been in the classroom for 3 years and has been rated effective or highly effective for each of the last 3 years. |
| **EXPANDS** the length of a temporary certificate to 5 years instead of 3 years. Currently, only a temporary certificate issued to an eligible person who was honorably discharged from the military was valid for 5 years. |
| **REQUIRES** the State Board of Education, with input from stakeholders, to recommend additional repeals and revisions to the education code to reduce regulation on public schools. |

**LEADING THE NATION IN SCHOOL CHOICE**

**IT’S NOT EVEN CLOSE**

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**1.3 MILLION**

**K-12 STUDENTS LEARN FULL TIME VIA A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CHOICE OPTION.**

Florida's full time public and private choice enrollment is larger than **35 STATES' ENTIRE K-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENTS.**

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#1 for Parental Power according to the Center for Education Reform.

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#1 in Education Freedom according to the Heritage Foundation.

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#1 in state spending on private choice.

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#1 in tax credit scholarship enrollments, ESA enrollments, and in voucher enrollments.

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Florida's private choice enrollments represent one-third of the entire nation.

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**BUILDING ON ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2019:**

**2019**

Created the Family Empowerment Scholarship.

**2020**

Expanded the Family Empowerment Scholarship to meet the demand for choice.

**2021**

Created annual increases in scholarships for students with unique abilities.

**2021**

Offered families the option to receive a $750 scholarship for transportation to a school other than the school to which the student was assigned.

**2022**

Expanded resources for struggling readers in elementary school through the $500 New Worlds Reading Scholarship.