

**Senate President: The transfer of the primary duties of the State Board of Education to the Governor's office and expansion of vouchers may end up in the State Budget Bill (HB33)**

An article in the April 27 Gongwer News Service indicates that Senate President Huffman declared that inclusion of SB1 (a reversal of the will of the people in the 1953 Constitutional amendment) in the State Budget (HB33) is "a real possibility."

The Statehouse News Bureau [reported](#) April 27 that the Senate President said there could be "further expansion of vouchers" in the Senate version of the State Budget. "Further expansion" is a code word for universal vouchers.

Budget bills are notorious for including legislative proposals that are unlikely to pass as standalone legislation. No doubt the Senate President will demand that universal voucher bills are included in the State Budget, as well as the legislation that nullifies the 1953 amendment that established the State Board of Education.