

Senate Bill 261: Audit chartered non-public schools.

When the current Ohio Attorney General was Auditor of State, he said he would follow a tax dollar wherever it goes. That is an auditor's job.

There is now some sentiment in the Ohio General Assembly to start auditing public money that is funneled into private schools. Hence, the use of Auxiliary Services, Non-Public Administrative Cost Reimbursement and voucher funds would come under public scrutiny. The non-public school lobby will cry foul. They will yell that they are operating in the private domain and thus are not subject to public audit. They would be absolutely right to cry foul except that they are spending public tax dollars that must be subject to public audit.

The private providers that use public tax funds must be held accountable to the public. They are not required to take public money. They have a choice of refusing to take the public money offered through unconstitutional state policy.

The private providers that don't want public audits, and thus refuse public funds, should join the plaintiffs in the EdChoice voucher lawsuit.

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