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The voices for regulating private schools are expanding.

The insatiable appetite of private schools for public tax money is inviting regulations. <u>HB407</u>, as introduced, would require private schools enrolling voucher students to report to the state and thus make public several items such as:

- 1. Account for public money expenditures.
- 2. Report specified voucher student performance and family income data. (The state would issue a report card.)
- 3. Eliminate alternative assessments for voucher students.
- 4. Maintain student disciplinary records and transmit a transfer student's disciplinary record upon request of the student's new school.

The Department of Education and Workforce Development would be required to compare the performance of voucher students with similar students in the school district in which the private school is located.

This bill is a signal that new regulations will be imposed on private schools that accept voucher students. The only question is when. Public money is becoming a major portion of the budgets of some private schools. When new regulations come, the private schools will have to comply or close.

To read the Ohio LSC Analysis of HB407, click here.