

HB136 in 2011 would have made two-thirds of Ohio families eligible for vouchers at an increased taxpayer cost of about \$500,000,000.

Thirteen years ago, the current Senate President, as a member of the House, was promoting his voucher dream via HB136. At that time, HB136 was adamantly rejected by most members of the legislature; however, the dream came true in recent months.

An [analysis of HB136](#) performed by the Education Tax Policy Institute projected a taxpayer price tag of about a half billion dollars.

The sponsor of HB136 likely didn't expect it to pass but was sending a message that someday EdChoice vouchers would be a significant part of the state budget and possibly universal in scope.

Now that vouchers are universal, the HB136 sponsor seems to be working on a grand scheme to greatly increase the demand for vouchers via taxpayer funding of private school facilities. The most recent capital improvements bill provides evidence of that grand plan—Eight private schools, in a foot-in-the-door tactic, received tax funds for facilities.