

**The Education Savings Account (ESA) program in the state budget will most likely, when implemented, be fraught by the same kind of fraud, waste, and abuse of tax money in Ohio as Arizona is now experiencing.**

The Arizona legislature enacted the Education Savings Account legislation six years ago. That enactment has caused problematic state budget issues for the State of Arizona. The Arizona ESA program has been described as a program giving wealthy Arizonans who use ESC's a benefit most families would consider a luxury. An investigation by [12News](#) chain indicates that tax money is being used for such luxuries as private swim and dance lessons, college savings accounts, Rolex watches, horseback riding, martial arts lessons, etc.

The Conference Committee inserted an additional voucher scheme in the state budget at the eleventh hour during the state budget process. The final version has the Arizona-model of ESA's, except that Ohio's ESC's will be for use in the non-tax, non-chartered, totally unregulated private schools. This legislation is another way to misuse tax revenue in Ohio.

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