

State Senator Sandra O'Brien has introduced SB420 which would force transparency of the JobsOhio, nonprofit agency: Great! What about a bill to make the taxpayer-funded private school system transparent?

JobsOhio is the state's private economic development agency cobbled together during the Kasich administration. The state funds this agency but there is no public accountability or transparency.

Recent activities of JobsOhio suggested the need for total transparency in the operation of the agency. The revelation of questionable activities piqued the interest of the public and some state officials. Senator Sandra O'Brien introduced [SB420](#) to:

- Require that records created by JobsOhio are public records
- Require JobsOhio to comply with the open meeting law
- Require the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of JobsOhio

This legislation seems to be a very beneficial public policy initiative. All state funds provided to public and private agencies should be subject to public transparency and accountability measures.

The Ohio private schools that receive direct state funds in the form of auxiliary services, nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement, student transportation and school vouchers should likewise be subject to all Ohio laws and regulations that relate to accountability and transparency.

As Stephen Dyer stated in his [April 15, 10th Period](#), Ohio taxpayers directly fund more private than public school districts. He further states that 85% of private school students are getting student subsidies. Ohio has created a second taxpayer-funded private school system, contrary to Article VI, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution.

A Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judge ruled the EdChoice voucher scheme unconstitutional on June 24, 2025. The 10th District Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in the case on May 12.