

State elected officials in Ohio, consistent with the Constitution of Ohio and Ohio law, resisted appropriating public funds for private schools until 1965: Part 5

The State of Ohio held a Constitutional Convention in 1873 only two decades after the 1850/1851 Constitutional Convention. Although Ohioans turned down the new Constitution drafted by the convention delegates, it is of interest that the delegates addressed several education issues, one of which is pertinent to the constitutional prohibition of public funding of private schools.

One of the delegates introduced a proposal to eliminate the second clause of Article VI, section 2, which prohibits public funding for private schools. That proposal was soundly defeated.

A vociferous segment of the private school lobby has, since statehood, demanded that the public fund their private school ventures with no accountability and no strings attached. The State of Ohio resisted that ongoing pressure group until 1965 when a faction in the legislature demanded student transportation at public school expense for private school students.