

_____ moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 68857, delete "orally"; after "education" insert ",
2 upon that department's request,"

3 In line 68859, delete "family incomes of students" and
4 insert "whether the family income of a student"

5 In line 68860, delete "and" and insert "or"; delete
6 "scholarships" and insert "a scholarship"; delete "pilot"

7 In line 68861, delete "project"; after "scholarship" insert
8 "pilot"; delete "pursuant to" and insert "is equal to, less
9 than, or greater than the income thresholds prescribed by";
10 after "3310.02" insert "or 3310.032"

11 In line 68862, after "Code." insert "The department of
12 education shall provide sufficient information about the student
13 and the student's family to enable the department of taxation to
14 make the verification."

15 The motion was _____ agreed to.

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SYNOPSIS

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Disclosing income to verify scholarship eligibility

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20 Permits the Department of Taxation to verify whether
21 students applying for or receiving scholarships under the
22 Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program are income-eligible
23 for the program. The Department of Education must request the
24 verification and provide sufficient information about the
student and their family to make the verification.

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26 The provision, as initially added by the Senate, permitted
27 full disclosure of income tax returns, but the provision was
28 later modified such that the Senate-passed bill only permitted
oral disclosure to verify income eligibility for the program.

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30 Eligibility for the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot
31 Program is based in part on a student's family income that may
32 not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, which depends
33 on the number of people in the household. The scholarship amount
34 for students who have been receiving the scholarship may be
35 reduced if their family income exceeds that threshold, and
36 students whose family income is more than 400% of the guidelines
become disqualified for the scholarship.