

The recent changes to the Ed Choice Voucher program continue to ignore a couple of items in the Ohio Constitution as they pertain to this flawed program.

Article 6 Section 2, in part states, "...no religious or other sect, or sects, shall ever have any exclusive right to, or control of, any part of the school funds of this state."

The work around to avoid this appears to be giving the school funds of the state to the parents so the parents can give the money to their parochial school of choice. How is this any different than a minor giving an adult money to purchase alcohol and/or tobacco products for the minor's consumption?

In addition, Article 1, section 7, in part, states "...No person shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship, or maintain any form of worship, against his consent..."

By directly or indirectly providing funds to parochial schools, the taxpayers of Ohio are supporting places of worship without our consent. This includes minors that work and pay income taxes and sales tax on many of their purchases.

Will our legislators honor their oath of office to uphold the constitution of the state of Ohio? Time will tell.

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