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Should Florida have a tax credit program for public schools?

This new [report](#) from the Florida Legislature's research arm looks at such programs in two states (Pennsylvania and Arizona), and considers the possibility of one in Florida. Florida has a tax credit voucher program that gives businesses an incentive to contribute money for low-income students who need financial help to attend private schools. But it doesn't have a program that allows businesses to get tax credits for donations to public schools.

The report says that among other issues, lawmakers should consider the impact on tax-credit vouchers if they pursue such a program. The voucher people say they're open to the idea:

"We're excited by any program that could direct resources to low-income students and strengthen our partnership with Florida's public schools," John Kirtley, chairman of Step Up For Students, said in a written statement. "Our mission is to help students from poor and working-class families no matter where they are taught, and we look forward to working with legislators and public educators to see whether a Public School Tax Credit can advance that objective. We see great possibilities."

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