

SB3966



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Graciela Guzmán

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Prohibition on Federal Voucher Program Participation Act. Prohibits the State from opting in to, participating in, implementing, administrating, or otherwise cooperating with any federal voucher, education savings account, or similar program established under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Prohibition on Federal Voucher Program Participation Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings and purpose. The General
7 Assembly finds that:

8 (1) The State has a constitutional obligation to
9 provide for an efficient system of high-quality public
10 education, accessible to all students, without
11 discrimination or diversion of public resources away from
12 public schools.

13 (2) The federal legislation commonly referred to as
14 the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," H.R. 1 of the 119th
15 Congress, establishes a federal voucher or education
16 savings account program that requires affirmative state
17 participation or opt-in in order to operate within a
18 state.

19 (3) Participation in federally established voucher
20 programs risks diverting public funds from Illinois public
21 schools, undermining local control, accountability, and
22 equity in education.

23 (4) It is the intent of the General Assembly to

1 preserve State authority over education policy and to
2 prohibit the use of State action to implement or
3 participate in federally established voucher programs.

4 Section 10. Prohibition on participation in federal
5 voucher programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

6 (1) The State shall not opt in to, participate in,
7 implement, administer, or otherwise cooperate with any
8 federal voucher, education savings account, or similar
9 program established under H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress,
10 known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," or any
11 successor federal law that requires affirmative state
12 participation and provides public funds or tax benefits
13 for private elementary or secondary education.

14 (2) No rule, executive order, memorandum of
15 understanding, intergovernmental agreement, or
16 administrative action may be used to authorize
17 participation in a program prohibited under this Section.

18 Section 15. Construction. Nothing in this Act shall be
19 construed to prohibit the State from receiving or
20 administering federal funds for public education programs that
21 are consistent with the Illinois Constitution and do not
22 provide vouchers, education savings accounts, or other
23 mechanisms for subsidizing private elementary or secondary
24 education.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.