

HR 4426

Educational Freedom Accounts Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2455	Identical bill	Jan 20, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill requires the District of Columbia to provide education savings accounts for children who are eligible to receive a free public education in the District, but whose parents choose not to enroll them in a public school or home schooling.

To receive an account, a child must be either entering kindergarten or prekindergarten or have been enrolled in a public school in the District during the previous year.

The Chief Financial Officer of the District must award a contract to a tax-exempt entity based in the District to administer the program.

The District must fund the accounts with amounts that are adjusted based on the family's income and range from 80% to 90% of the funds that the District of Columbia Public School System would otherwise spend on the child.

Upon the direction of a parent, the administering entity must distribute the funds for educational expenses, including:

- tuition at a nonpublic school or for distance education,
- tutoring,
- curricula or online courses,
- special education,
- individual courses or extracurricular activities at a public school within the District,
- dual credit courses that qualify for both secondary and postsecondary education credit,
- examinations,
- transportation to and from a provider,
- contributions to qualified tuition programs (529 plans) or Coverdell education savings accounts, or
- other educational expenses approved by the administering entity.

At the end of the contract period, any remaining balances must be returned to the District.

Actions Timeline

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