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SUMMARY

- Limits eligibility for an EdChoice Expansion scholarship to students with families with a federal adjusted gross income of $500,000 or less.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

EdChoice expansion scholarship limit

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the bill disqualifies for an EdChoice expansion scholarship any student whose family earns a federal adjusted gross income greater than or equal to $500,000 in the most recent tax year. The income threshold requirement is to be adjusted annually for inflation based on the most recent consumer price index or as determined by the Department of Education and Workforce.[1]

Background

The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Program provides a state-funded scholarship to K-12 students that may be used to pay tuition at participating chartered nonpublic schools. Students with families with incomes at or below 450% of the federal poverty level qualify for the maximum scholarship amount, while higher-income families may receive reduced awards on a sliding scale.[2] 450% FPL for a family of four in 2026 is an income of $144,675.[3]

[1] R.C. 3310.032.

[2] R.C. 3310.031 and 3310.032.

[3] See the Poverty Guidelines webpage located on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation website: aspe.hhs.gov. The federal poverty level for a family of four is $33,000, which multiplied by 4.5 is $144,675.

HISTORY

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