# Comparing Both Education Savings Accounts Proposals

## Fix California Education

### Title
- **Education Savings Account Act**
- **Educational Freedom Act**

### Proponents

### ESA Amount
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Provides K-12 students who opt into an Education Savings Account (ESA) $13,000 per year in state education funds.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: $14,000 in funding – this is more than state education funds currently cover exposing this program to unknown economic shifts.

### Use of ESA Funds
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Covers tuition at a participating K-12 accredited school as well as eligible education expenses, including books, school supplies, tutoring, fees, special needs services, transportation to & from school functions with a balanced audit function to avoid fraud.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: Provides similar funds for tuition and other eligible education expenses at participating schools, but an unclear reimbursement process may expose families to extra state scrutiny.

### Phase-In
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Program phases-in by income level allowing for low and moderate-income students to find school placement first while new school are created; Year 1-2: families making less than $100k/year (60% of CA families qualify); Year 3-4: families making less than $200k (86% of CA families qualify); after Year 4, everyone is eligible.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: No phase in for low and moderate-income students. No plan to accommodate an influx of students with currently limited classroom space.

### Eligible Schools
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Can be used at any accredited school including home schools.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: While it can be used at any accredited school that has agreed to participate, proponents are confusing parents by suggesting these funds can be used for charter schools which is not a part of the proposal.

### Homeschool
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Allows homeschoolers to be enrolled in the program through an accredited program, though at the request of prominent homeschool organizations, it excludes & protects private homeschools operating under private school affidavits who currently receive no government funds.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: Allows homeschoolers to be enrolled in the program without going through an accredited program likely exposing them to intrusive government oversight.

### College Savings
- **Education Savings Account Act**: Allows up to $60,000 to be saved for college or vocational school if there is extra money.
- **Educational Freedom Act**: No cap on what can be saved for college; critics will have a field day with this provision.

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