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School Choice Ohio Supports the Ohio Senate's Focus on Students and Families

COLUMBUS, OH (June 1, 2021) - Today, the Ohio Senate's Finance Committee adopted a substitute version of H.B. 110, the state's biennial operating budget. Welcomed by families and education advocates alike, the substitute bill included several key provisions:

- Increases the EdChoice and Cleveland Scholarships to \$5,500 per pupil in grades K-8 and \$7,500 per pupil in grades 9-12.
- Clarifies scholarship eligibility to include siblings of current scholarship students.
- Eliminates deductions from districts' state aid and instead directly funds EdChoice and Cleveland scholarship programs and charter schools.
- Increases facility funding to brick and mortar charter schools to \$750 per pupil.
- Invests in high-quality charter schools through the Quality Community School Support grant, restoring funding to \$54 million per fiscal year.
- Reinstates \$650 million of Health and Wellness funding for students in grades K-12.

The Senate also introduced a new school district funding formula. The formula focuses on students and teachers, funding a 20-1 student-teacher ratio.

Senate President Matt Huffman said, "Teachers are the essential part of the education process. These are the folks on the frontline and most essential."

Chairman and President of School Choice Ohio, Eric Frank, praised the Senate's version of the state's biennial operating budget. "It is exciting to see Ohio increase its commitment to underserved families and students. These changes will increase opportunities for students across Ohio, allowing them to attend a school that works for them. We applaud the leadership shown by the Ohio Senate."

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A 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization, School Choice Ohio educates parents statewide on available education options and advocates for the expansion of quality options for every Ohio child.

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