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SCHOOL CHOICE VICTORIES AND PROGRESS

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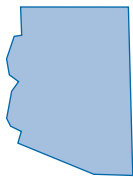
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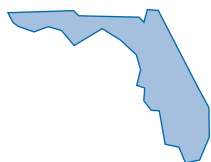
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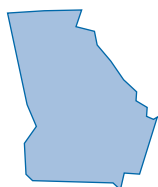
School Choice Victories and Progress



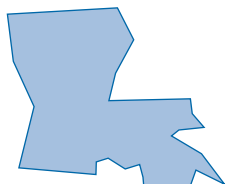
Arizona – The Arizona legislature funded a \$2.4 million expansion of the corporate scholarship tax credit program in the state’s budget, raising the program’s statewide tax credit cap to \$14.4 million.



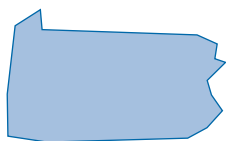
Florida – The state’s popular Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program, known as “Step Up for Students,” was expanded by \$30 million with strong bipartisan support, bringing the statewide tax credit cap to \$118 million. The expansion is expected to provide scholarships for an additional 6,000 students. The bill was supported by a majority of African-American legislators, all of the state’s Hispanic legislators, and one-third of the entire Democratic caucus. Additionally, the maximum scholarship was increased from \$3,750 to \$3,950, and foster children are now eligible to participate. Also, Scholarship Funding Organizations are now allowed to utilize three percent of the money they raise for administrative purposes, helping them increase family outreach and community awareness.



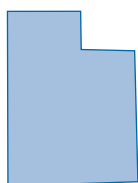
Georgia – The state legislature and Governor Sonny Perdue continued the momentum of 2007—when the Peach State enacted a special needs program—by passing and implementing a \$50 million corporate and individual scholarship tax credit program. The state’s special needs program, now in its second year, continues to grow and is serving more than 1,500 students.



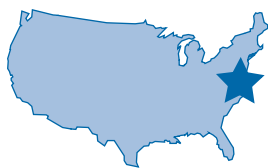
Louisiana – With the \$10 million Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, which is targeted to low-income children in failing schools in New Orleans, Louisiana became the 10th state to enact a private school choice program. Sponsored by two Democratic legislators from New Orleans, the bill was passed with bipartisan support. The program is off to a strong start, already serving more than 600 students and outpacing expectations.



Pennsylvania – The legislature increased the maximum business contribution limit for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Additionally, subchapter S corporations are now allowed to participate in the EITC.

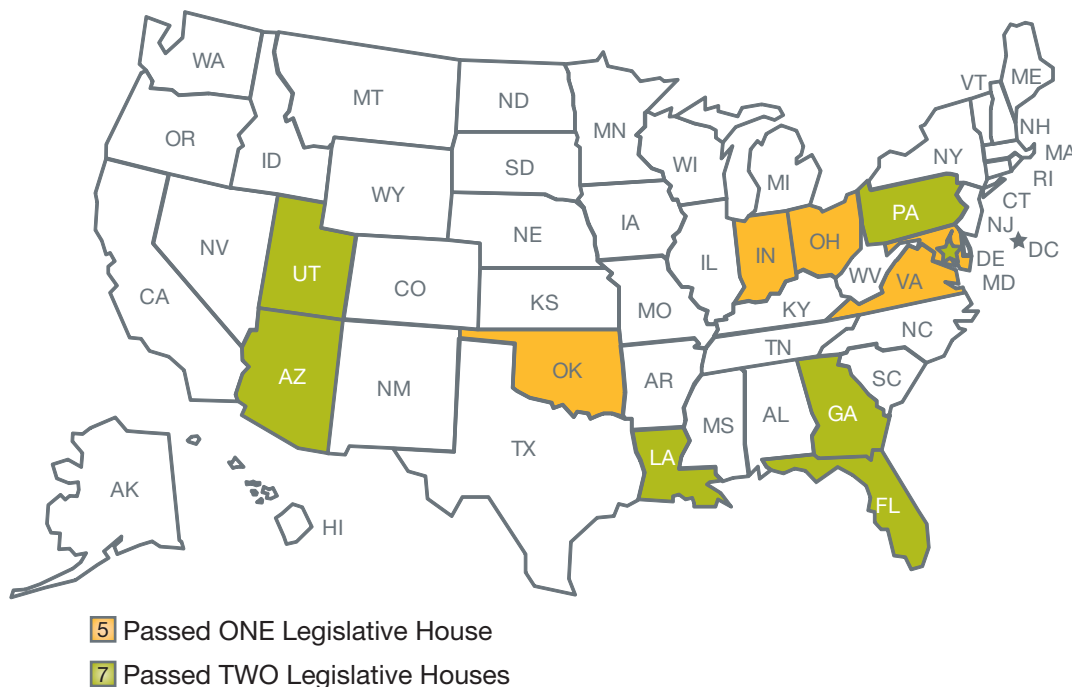


Utah – The legislature expanded the permanent funding of the Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship program by \$1 million.



Washington, D.C. – Congress approved continued funding for the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program into the 2009-10 school year. Mayor Adrian Fenty and D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee support the program’s formal reauthorization. Additionally, national newspapers such as *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal* have editorialized in favor of the program.

Legislative Progress in 2008



New Scholarship Opportunities Created in 2008

State	Legislation	New Opps*	New \$
AZ	Expansion of Corporate School Tuition Organization Tax Credit	1,500	\$2,400,000
FL	Expansion and Improvement of Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program	6,000	\$30,000,000
GA	Enactment of Georgia Scholarship Tax Credit Program	13,500	\$50,000,000
LA	Enactment of Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (New Orleans)	1,500	\$10,000,000
PA	Increase # of Eligible Businesses and Contribution Limits for the EITC	0	0
UT	Expansion of Permanent Funding for Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship	200	\$1,000,000
D.C.	Extension of Funding for D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program	0	\$12,720,000
TOTAL		22,700	\$106,120,000

*All figures are estimates.

