

Strike the amendment on page 138 of the CSSB 1 pre-filed amendment packet and substitute the following to amend CSSB 1 in Article III of the bill for the appropriations to the Texas Education Agency by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

____. Prohibition on Vouchers. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above may be spent to pay for a public education voucher program or a public education voucher pilot program if the program uses federal funds or state tax dollars to pay tuition for children in any grades between grade 1 through grade 12 to attend a private school. Appropriated state or federal funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, for grants or programs for children to attend private schools or private educational programs that substitute for a regular education program provided by a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

(b) This section does not prohibit:

1. payments for services to a private or nonprofit entity so long as students receiving the services remain enrolled in public school; or

2. payments, including tuition, for students with disabilities placed in a private school by a local admission, review and dismissal committee to the extent required under federal law.