

## **Action Alert: Indiana General Assembly**

### **Say "No" -- IN House Bill 1005-School Choice Matters**

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The League of Women Voters of Indiana supports funding for equal access to quality education for all Indiana children. IN H.B. 1005 involves public funding for private education. The LWVIN is watching and opposes this bill. For several reasons:

- Indiana's three previously elected Superintendents of Public Instruction are on record as being opposed to H.B.1005.
- The Indiana Constitution requires the State of Indiana to provide a public education for its residents. It does not mention diverting tax dollars for families choosing private over public education.
- The Education Scholarship Account program, proposed in H.B. 1005, lacks accountability and oversight.
- Indiana teacher pay is ranked low, and the issue of teacher pay is not addressed in the bill.

This bill remains in the Senate Education and Career Development committee (as of March 24, 2021) and has not been scheduled for a hearing. For further detail, see the March 2021 [LWVIN Letter](#) on this subject.

**ACTION REQUESTED.** Please contact [IN Senate Education and Career Development Committee Members](#). (To expand the list, click the "Members" button at upper left.) *Urge them to vote against this bill.*

Thank you,  
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