



Legislative Update

2023

Legislative Week 8

(May 9-11 - Legislative Days 19-20)

PRICE ACT PASSED OUT OF SENATE COMMITTEE!

BILL: [SB202](#) Sen. Stutts

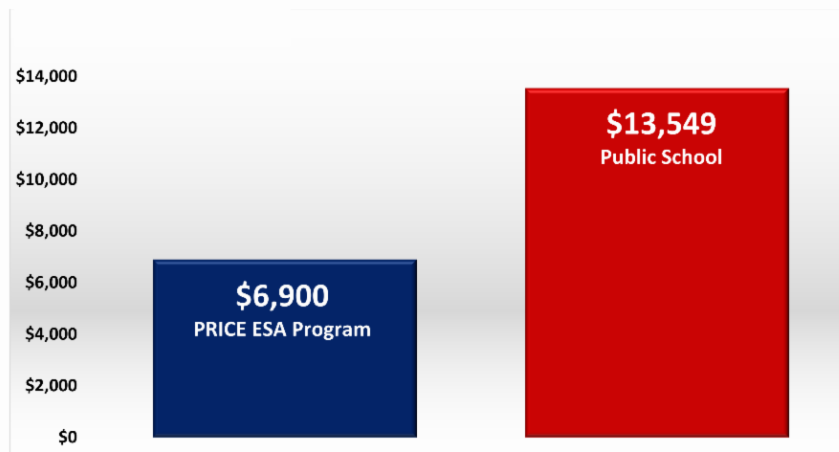
BILL DESCRIPTION: PRICE stands for *Parental Rights in Children's Education*. This bill would create a universal education savings account program that allows parents to choose the best education options that align with their family's values and are tailor-made to fit their educational needs. Parents can choose private, online schools, home-schooling, private tutors, or a combination. PRICE money follows the student. The ESA amount is based on the average state tax dollar amount per pupil—\$ 6,900 (2024-2025 School Year). When a public school student enrolls in the PRICE program, **the federal and local dollars stay with the school**. Read more bullets about the PRICE Act [here](#).

BILL STATUS: SB202 passed out of the Senate Finance and Taxation-Education Committee Wednesday by a 12-2 vote. Watch the public hearing [here-it begins at the 50:38 minute mark](#). Eagle Forum Executive Director Becky Gerritson testified and the graph she showed to the members is posted below.

URGENT ACTION: PRICE Act could be debated on the Senate floor as early as next week (Week 9) **Contact your Senator and ask him/her to support the PRICE Act!** To find your senator go to [this link](#) and hit enter then you'll see a box in the top left where you can type in your address. Hit enter, then a list of your elected officials will appear on right side of the page...scroll down to "State Senate District" to see your state senator. Then [use this link to find his/her contact info](#).

GRAPH USED IN PRICE ACT PUBLIC HEARING

Cost To Educate A Student In AL



If a student enters PRICE program the federal and local dollars stay with school
Projected public spending based upon 2024-2025 school year*. Public spending is combined federal, state & local dollars. PRICE ESA Program cost from SB202/SB295 as introduced.
*<https://educationdata.org/public-education-spending-statistics#alabama>

OTHER GOOD NEWS THIS WEEK:

Updating Our Uniform Commercial Code. [HB348](#) (Rep. Faulkner) HB348 amends the Uniform Commercial Code and will protect Alabama from Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC). It passed the full House and is headed to the Senate. We support this bill! Read more details in our [Week 7 Update](#).

NEW BILLS ON THE RADAR

Banning ESG Scores (social credit scores)

Bill: [SB261](#) Sen. Roberts

BILL DESCRIPTION: Relating to public contracts; to prohibit governmental entities from entering into certain contracts with companies that boycott businesses because the business engages in certain sectors or does not meet certain environmental or corporate governance standards or does not facilitate certain activities; to provide that no company in the state shall be required by a governmental entity, nor penalized by a governmental entity for declining to engage in economic boycotts or other actions that further social, political, or ideological interests.

BILL STATUS: SB261 passed out of the Senate Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development Committee and is headed to the Senate floor.

EF's POSITION: We support this bill. This week AG Marshall gave testimony to the U.S. House Oversight Committee, saying ESG is a ["threat to consumers and democracy"](#). Read more on SB261 from [1819 News](#).

Pregnancy Resource Bill

BILL: [HB208](#) Rep. Kiel

BILL DESCRIPTION: This bill would provide a state income tax credit to individuals and businesses that make voluntary cash contributions to an eligible pregnancy center or residential maternity facility.

BILL STATUS: HB208 is expected to be debated on the House floor next

week.

EF's POSITION: We support this bill.

Tobacco Bill

BILL: [HB319](#) Rep. Drummond

BILL DESCRIPTION: Among other things, this bill would revise the definition of "electronic nicotine delivery system" and would further provide for the distribution of tobacco products through a vending machine.

BILL STATUS: We expect it to be debated on the House floor next week.

EF's POSITION: We do not support this bill. This legislation will further embolden the predatory tobacco industry practices that have addicted our kids to tobacco and nicotine products. [See why](#) 24 organizations including EF are opposing this legislation.

OTHER ACTION WE EXPECT NEXT WEEK

Protecting Minors from Porn on Cell Phones & Tablets

Bill: [HB298](#) Rep. Sells

BILL DESCRIPTION: This bill simply requires cell phone manufactures to switch their explicit content (porn) filters to "on" on their cell phones and tablets. It's a simple software update so that any time a new cell phone or tablet is purchased and activated in Alabama the phone explicit content filter will automatically default to "on". [See flyer here.](#)

BILL STATUS: We expect this bill to be debated on the House floor on Tuesday, May 16th.

EF's POSITION: We support this commonsense bill. See the harms and statistics of pornography usage in the [2020 Senate Joint Resolution](#) which Eagle Forum helped write and pass declaring "Pornography as a Public Health Crisis".

Rescind Calls for an Article V Convention

BILL: [HJR104](#) Rep. Harrison

BILL DESCRIPTION: This House Joint Resolution would rescind all previous resolutions of the Alabama legislature which request Congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution.

BILL STATUS: We expect it to be debated on the House floor next week.

EF's POSITION: We support this resolution! For decades, Eagle Forum has supported legislation to rescind any and all calls for an Article V Convention. When Alabama legislators passed the calls for a Con Con on various single issues, they were promised a convention limited to a single issue and ratification by 38 state legislatures. However, just two months ago H. Con. Resolution 24 was proposed in Congress and supported by Convention of States proponents. It provides ample evidence that Alabama legislators could have nothing to do with the call, the delegate selection process, proposing amendments, or ratifications. This Congressional call (under the guise of a "Fiscal Responsibility Amendment") is unlimited ("plenary"). It is NOT a call for a limited convention controlled by state legislatures, as promised. The whole Constitution is at stake. Read ["Caution & The Constitution-Key Points"](#).

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