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Creighton Files Senate Bill 2, Texas Education Freedom Act

Austin, Texas—Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R- Conroe) filed Senate Bill 2, the **Texas Education Freedom Act**. He offered the following statement:

“Texas families are rejecting the status quo and calling for an education system that prioritizes their children’s success. Senate Bill 2 places parents at the center of their child’s education, empowering them with the freedom to choose the educational path that works best for their families.

“This session, we are fully committed to passing universal, comprehensive school choice legislation, ensuring every Texas family has access to the educational opportunities they deserve. It’s time for Texas to join the 32 other states that already empower parents and students with greater educational freedom.

“School choice is a proven driver of success. Across the nation, it expands opportunities for students while resulting in meaningful improvements in public schools. Competition is not a threat to any one school but rather an opportunity to deliver better results for all Texas students. This legislation includes safeguards to ensure Texas avoids the challenges faced by other states while delivering a program tailored to the needs of our families.

“Every child in Texas deserves the chance to succeed, especially those who require specialized learning environments. By passing this legislation, we will break the barriers imposed by zip codes and give all families the tools they need to provide a brighter future for their children. With bold action and decisive leadership, we will finally deliver for the 6 million students in Texas schools.

“I want to thank Lt. Governor Patrick for his leadership and steadfast commitment to school choice in Texas, and I look forward to working with members of the committee and the full Senate to finally get this bill to Governor Abbott’s desk.”

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Details of Senate Bill 2:

1. Eligibility

- *Universal Access:* Every Texas student may apply and, if accepted, participate in the ESA program—whether they are entering school for the first time, currently enrolled in public school, or currently enrolled in private school or homeschool.

2. Prioritization

- If applications do not exceed the program’s capacity, all eligible students are accepted.

- If applications exceed capacity, 80% of available positions will be filled by lottery among students who previously attended public school and are either from low-income households or have a disability. The remaining slots will be filled by lottery among all other eligible applicants.

3. **Allocation per Student**

- *Base Funding:* Each participating student will receive at least \$2,000 per year in their ESA.
- *Private School Funding:* If a family elects to enroll their child in an accredited private school, that student will receive \$10,000 per year—or \$11,500 per year if the student has a disability.