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**Sen. Campbell Files Taxpayers Savings Grant Bill**  
***SB 276 Provides Every Child Equal Access to a First Class Education,***  
***Removes Barriers for Parents to Choose the Best School for their Child***

Austin -- Following through on her pledge to make education reform a top priority, today State Senator Donna Campbell filed SB 276 to provide every Texas school child with equal access to a first class education and remove barriers that prevent parents from choosing the best school for their child.

“We have a moral obligation to ensure every Texas child has access to a first class education. No child should be trapped in a school that isn't up to community or state standards,” Senator Campbell said. “Taxpayer Savings Grants will close the achievement gap between high and low-income students and create opportunities for all Texas school children to attain the highest level of success.”

Under Senator Campbell’s bill, a grant will be provided equal to 60% of what the state spends per-student on annual maintenance and operation (M & O) costs, or roughly \$5100, for students who choose to transfer to a private school. Studies show this would be more than enough to cover average tuition at parochial elementary schools in Texas.

Taxpayers will save the other 40% or approximately \$3500 for each public school student who chooses to accept the grant. The program will be administered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

“Taxpayer Savings Grants are a 'Lift Up Texas' initiative, because they lift up Texas schools and benefit all Texas families. They empower parents to make the best decisions for their child, expand opportunities for traditionally underserved students, save taxpayers money, and drive success in the classroom that leads to generational prosperity,” Senator Campbell said. "Of all the proposed education reforms, only Taxpayer Savings Grants can achieve this."

Analysis of Taxpayer Savings Grants by the Texas Education Agency estimates savings to the State of \$1.78 billion over the first five years of implementation. If even a fraction of those savings are captured and reinvested back into education, it would lead to an increase in per-pupil spending at public schools.

"Taxpayer Savings Grants will drive more dollars to the classroom by creating efficiencies through free market forces that don't exist under the status quo," Senator Campbell continued. "We know the demand is there based on 110,000 students currently waiting to transfer to a charter school. Expanding access to school choice is a win-win for everyone."

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*Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis counties. She is a practicing emergency room physician and mother of four who lives in New Braunfels.*