

VOTES

House - 2026 Legislative Session

House Bill 2 Committee Substitute (as amended) – School choice bill that provides vouchers for private school tuition and for homeschoolers without the standards and accountability required of public schools; states specifically that, while private schools would receive the same base cost amount that public schools receive, private voucher schools cannot be required to alter their admissions practices, take state assessments, or participate in the state accountability model. Also provides for public school choice with capacity reporting obligations for public schools; the Tim Tebow Act, which allows homeschoolers to participate in public school activities without being subject to the same requirements as public school students; an adolescent literacy initiative; a new math program; expansion of charter schools to any district within which a D- or F-rated school exists; loosening of restrictions for charter schools; NBCT salary supplements for charter school teachers; an assistant teacher pay raise; consolidation of Copiah County and Hazlehurst school districts; and other provisions.

The Parents' Campaign favors a vote of nay on this bill

Passed 1/15/2026. Yeas: 61, Nays: 59, Absent: 1, Present/Not Voting: 1

Yeas: 61

Aguirre
Anderson, Brent
Arnold
Bailey, Perry
Barnett
Barton
Bell, Donnie
Blackwell
Bounds
Boyd, Randy
Burch
Byrd
Carpenter
Cockerham
Creekmore
Estrada
Eubanks
Eure
Felsher
Fondren
Ford, Kevin
Grady
Guice
Hale
Hall
Harris
Hawkins
Hood
Horan
Horne
Hurst

Keen
Kinkade
Lamar
Lott
Mangold
Massengill
Mattox
McKnight
McMillan
Mims
Morgan
Oliver
Owen
Pigott
Powell
Read
Remak
Roberson
Rushing
Sanford
Scoggin
Steverson
Tubb
Tullos
Turner
Waldo
White
Yancey
Yates
Zuber

Nays: 59

Anderson, Jeramey
Anthony
Bailey, Willie
Banks
Bell, Chris
Bennett
Blackmon
Boyd, Andy
Brown
Burnett
Butler-Washington
Calvert
Clark
Crawford
Crosby
Crudup
Currie
Denton
Elliott
Evans
Faulkner
Ford, Jill
Foster
Gibbs, Justis
Gibbs, Karl
Haney
Harness
Hines
Hobgood-Wilkes
Holloway, Greg
Holloway, Kenji
Hulum

Jackson, Keith
Jackson, Lataisha
James-Jones
Johnson
Karriem
Ladner
Mansell
McCarty
McCray
McGee
McLean
Mickens
Nelson
Newman
Osborne
Porter
Rosebud
Sanders
Scott
Shanks
Smith
Summers
Taylor
Thompson
Varner
Watson
Williams

Absent: 1

Wallace

Present/Not Voting: 1

Deweese