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## VOTES

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### House Education Committee - 2026 Legislative Session

**House Bill 2 Committee Substitute** - 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 Covich County and Hazlehurst school districts; and other provisions.

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

Passed committee 1/14/2026. Yeas: 13, Nays: 11, Absent: 2, Present/Not Voting: 0

**Yeas: 13**

Manly Barton  
Charles Blackwell  
Randy Boyd  
Sam Creekmore  
Kevin Felsher  
Jimmy Fondren  
Zachary Grady  
Celeste Hurst  
Vince Mangold  
Brad Mattox  
Jansen Owen  
Kimberly Remak  
Beth Luther Waldo

**Nays: 11**

Stephanie Foster  
Justis Gibbs  
Jeffery Harness  
Greg Holloway  
Kenji Holloway  
Kent McCarty  
Dana McLean  
Carl Mickens  
Robert Sanders  
Cheikh Taylor  
Percy Watson

**Absent: 2**

Richard Bennett  
Becky Currie

**Present/Not Voting: 0**