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HB 367, relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program.

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Finance: OTP 5-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill makes a modest increase in the income eligibility threshold for participation in the Education Freedom Accounts program.

YEA OTP

- Education Freedom Accounts have partially shifted the locus of control from government bureaucrats to families — allowing parents additional options for their children based on their individual education needs, using funds that the state had already dedicated to education on a per-pupil basis.
- The legacy education system has failed to keep pace with the evolving improvements that are happening around the world. Shifting power from a government monopoly to families choosing in a market will spur innovation (e.g., online education, competency-based education, etc.). Having accountability rest directly on those who bear the consequences of a school's performance is superior to top-down regulatory accountability.
- Although all families should have access to their tax dollars back, this bill increases the number of families that are provided with additional choices in where and how their children are educated.