

Unfortunately, many families are unaware that they relinquish these important rights by accessing an ESA. CTD opposes any initiative that would diminish or completely eliminate these protections for students with disabilities.

Other Considerations

In addition to waiving federal protections for people with disabilities, families would also face significant barriers to access such as:

Reconciling the ESA amount with the actual cost of private services: The average private school tuition in Texas is \$10,087 for elementary schools and \$11,638 for high schools, with additional costs for application and enrollment fees, adaptive equipment, related services like therapy and resource, evaluation fees, and specialized instruction and materials.

Availability of private schools and providers: Private school availability varies widely in Texas and those that do exist can establish very selective program enrollment criteria such requiring certain performance on entry assessments, establishing IQ thresholds, and