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As if schools weren't already in a tough place in this later part of the pandemic, they would really be in trouble if **Senate Bill 83** is actually passed into law. **The bill would divert millions from our Kansas public schools to private, unregulated religious and home schools — and that's why we must tell Kansas legislators to stop trying to use public taxpayer dollars to hurt our Kansas public schools. Add your name to our petition today:**

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The Kansas State Department of Education estimates **the voucher-like program would cost Kansas taxpayers at least \$151.9 million — a massive handout to a few well-connected families who will be able to game the system at the expense of the students and teachers in our Kansas public schools.**

Instead of bettering educational opportunities for all of the Sunflower state's children and ensuring that schools available to all Kansas children are still fully funded, **conservative extremists are using the guise** of helping 1% of public school students transfer to private, unregulated religious and home schools **to divert public funding into private schools.**

More than 60 of Kansas' 105 counties don't even have an accredited

private school. Pushing kids into unregulated, private religious and home schools in those counties would threaten our rural schools, the lifeblood of so many Kansas communities.

Opening the door for taxpayer dollars to essentially fund unregulated, private religious and home schools for a child's education does not guarantee the student would receive the intensive instruction they might need or education that meets Kansas educational standards. Further, private schools have zero incentive to accept students who are "at-risk" or more vulnerable than their peers. **The lack of public regulations, accountability, and oversight is concerning.**

Join the bipartisan opposition by signing our petition today: Tell the Kansas legislature to stop trying to use public taxpayer dollars to fund private, unregulated religious and home schools.

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Thank you,
Kansas Values Institute (KVI) Team