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Date: 11/17/2016 1:51:11 PM
Subject: Re: Draft of school-choice bill

Ok thx.

Tom

On Nov 17, 2016, at 12:23 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Tom,
The meeting for Monday at 11:00am has been confirmed.
Please let me know if anything changes.
Thank you,
Katherine

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From: Tom Davis [<mailto:tdavis@harveyandbattey.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:19 AM
To: Rick Reames; Veldran, Katherine; Patel, Swati
Cc: Shane Massey
Subject: Draft of school-choice bill

Rick, Katherine and Swati:

Attached is a rough draft of the school-choice bill I briefly discussed with Rick and Katherine yesterday, using the existing exceptional-needs proviso as a point of departure. Here's what's been struck, revised and/or added in this draft:

- ** The current \$2 million dollar direct-tax credit that parents can receive has been deleted
- ** The exceptional-needs credit and scholarship amount has been increased from \$10 million to \$25 million
- ** A new \$25 million credit and scholarship for "disadvantaged children" has been added
- ** The date references have been changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year

Rick, the DOR now has a few months' experience housing the existing program and I want your input on how things might be improved operationally. This email confirms that you and I are meeting at 9:45 am next Monday to discuss the bill.

Katherine and Swati, I want this bill to conform with what Gov. Haley has in mind regarding a school-choice initiative. I have no pride of authorship and welcome your comments, too. Katherine, I would like to meet with you and the governor's policy people next Monday at 11 am. Please let me know if that works.

I am meeting with Sen. Leatherman and his finance staffers at noon on Monday to get their input and

(hopefully) support.

I am copying Shane Massey with this email and soliciting his comments, too, as this initiative might be something the Senate GOP caucus wants to make a priority.

Tom