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# THE GARDINER SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR



SENATE  
PRESIDENT  
ANDY GARDINER  
(R) Destin

## Why Championing School Choice Options Matters

The Florida Chamber has long championed school choice options for students and parents. Empowering parents to take the lead on choosing the best learning environment for their children gives students more opportunities for success and promotes competition, which encourages continual improvements to Florida's education system.

## The Gardiner Scholarship Empowers Students

The Gardiner Scholarship, formerly known as Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts, empowers students with disabilities to succeed by providing options for high-quality education programs. The Florida Chamber commends Senate President Andy Gardiner, Senator Don Gaetz and Representative Erik Fresen for continuing to secure the future for students of all abilities.

## What Does SB 672 Mean for Floridians?

This newly signed bill increases flexibility for parents so they can provide an even more customized education plan for their children through a variety of services and therapies. It also allows more families to participate in this much-needed program by expanding eligibility requirements.

A recent report by the Florida Chamber Foundation shows more than 700,000 Floridians with disabilities are currently not in the workforce.

SB 672 addresses this issue by creating the Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act to help increase independent living, inclusive and postsecondary education and employment opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities.

As Florida continues on the path to become the number one job creating state in the nation, Florida has an opportunity to help encourage underemployed Floridians — especially those with unique abilities — to reach their full employment potential.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:



SENATOR  
DON GAETZ  
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*"This bill is a step in the right direction to ensure that students of all abilities are able to succeed."*

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