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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 723, L.D. 1798, “An Act to Support School Choice by Establishing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts”

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 335 in §9941 in subsection 5 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "learning," and inserting the following: 'learning or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 335 in §9941 in subsection 5 in the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 22 to 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or a parent or guardian providing home instruction that meets the requirements of section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (4)"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 335 in §9942 in subsection 6 in the last 3 lines (page 3, lines 26 to 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", except as established by rule for a parent or guardian providing home instruction that meets the requirements of section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (4)"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Empowerment Scholarship Account Fund N456**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Management Analyst II position and related All Other costs to administer the Empowerment Scholarship Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$68,466	\$98,331
All Other	\$7,058	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,524</u>	<u>\$107,191</u>

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes from the bill the provisions that apply the empowerment scholarship program to home instruction.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)