

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT: ACTION STEPS NEEDED

Legislation that would create a five-year pilot program to help students in failing New Jersey schools has now been referred to the Assembly's Commerce and Economic Development Committee. The June 24 development is expected to improve prospects for the bill, the Opportunity Scholarship Act, which initially had been assigned to the Assembly's Education Committee and which has met with intense opposition from entrenched special interest groups opposed to education reform and parental choice.

In the wake of this latest development, you are urged to take the following action steps:

1. Continue to Email, call, and visit the offices of the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (see list below). Also please ask Senator Paul Sarlo, Chair of the Committee to schedule the bill for a hearing and a vote in his committee.
2. Call your Senator regarding the legislation and indicate your support for S-1872. Ask that your Senator speak with his or her colleagues on the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee indicating that this is an important bill for your Senator's constituents.
3. Email, call, or visit the members of the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee (see list below) to express your support for A-2810. Ask Assemblyman Albert Coutinho to schedule the bill for a hearing and vote.
4. Call the members of the New Jersey Assembly in your own district to ask for their support for A-2810. Ask them to speak with their colleagues on the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee to express their support.
5. To electronically contact legislators, click here <http://www.capwiz.com/njcathconf/issues/alert/?alertid=15193281> .
6. Please share this information with parishioners who can assist us in this effort.

Thank you for your continued support. FOR MORE INFORMATION, see www.WeCanDoBetter-nj.org <http://www.wecandobetter-nj.org/> . See also story in the Friday, July 2 Star Herald.

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