

Nev. hearings on school choice likely to resonate nationwide

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If there's anything supporters and critics of school choice can agree on, it's the likelihood that a pair of state Supreme Court hearings today will have an impact on public education beyond Nevada's borders.

That's where the agreement seems to end, with parents, politicians and education policy experts widely divided on the constitutionality of Senate Bill 302.

The legislation, which Gov. Brian Sandoval signed into law last year, created what many consider the most expansive school choice program in the U.S. It allows parents who pull their children out of public school to sign up for an education savings account and tap about \$5,100 in state per-pupil funding to help pay for private school tuition or home-school, tutoring and other educational services.

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