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Statement of Gov. Christie Whitman on Approval of School Choice Bill

"Choosing what you believe is best for your child is the very definition of parenting. Together with the Legislature, we are giving that right back to New Jersey parents. While some parents are currently able to send their children to other districts on a tuition basis, this bill allows all parents to have choices about where their children attend school.

"School choice will not only improve the education of those children who attend other districts - all school districts will be more motivated than ever to improve the quality of education.

"I am gratified that the Senate Education Committee has moved school choice one more step toward becoming a reality for children throughout New Jersey."